says he is

a Muslim

By ROBIN YOUNG

SALMAN RUSHDIE, the au-

thor of The Satanic Verses still

living in hiding under re-

ligious sentence of death for his book's alleged blas-

phemies, writes in The Times

today: "I am certainly not a

good Muslim. But I am able

now to say that I am a

The author describes his

Christmas Eve meeting with

six Muslim scholars, which

led to his decision to affirm

the basic tenets of Islam, as "a

victory for compassion, un-

derstanding and tolerance".

He says that it has started a

process of reconciliation, and

writes: "I believe that in the

weeks and months to come the

language of enmity will be

replaced by the language of! love." But he insists it would

be wrong to withdraw his

tirely, as his extremist Muslim

critics have demanded and as

one of the six scholars who

attended the meeting again

Shaikh Gamal Manna'a Ali

Solaiman of the London Cen-

tral Mosque called for the withdrawal of "that offensive

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novel from circulation".

urged yesterday.

Muslim.

FRANK SRADFORD

President's nominee wins after snub

Double blow to the authority of Gorbachev

From Mary Dejesvky and Bruce Clark in moscow

PRESIDENT Gorbachev condemned by Mr Gorbachev was hysterical condemnation suffered a double blow to as threatening the "disintegra- from the floor of more than his declining authority tion not only of the economy, yesterday when his nominee for Soviet vice-president was only elected on a second ballot and the finalised next week, without his microphone turned off. Russian Federation announced that it would withhold much of its contribution to the central budget.

The initial rejection of his hand-picked and only candidate for the vicepresidency further dented Mr Gorbachev's already battered prestige. When Gennadi Yanayev succeeded at the second attempt, he met a less than enthusiastic reception from some members of the Congress of People's

The loss of Russian funds threatens the country with tions from the republics, a serious financial problems sharp reduction in capital after the federation par-liament voted to withhold more than 80 per cent of its planned contribution to next year's central budget. The decision, taken by the Russian parliament late on Wednesday, constitutes an open challenge to central economic control and was at once

INSIDE Labour vow

on rights Labour plans to unveil a charter of rights next month committing it to repeal the

information early in a first Labour parliament. The legislation would make information freely available personal privacy or national

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Official Secrets Act and to

legislating for freedom of

Threat to zoo

After a record operating deficit last year of £4.9 million, London Zoo, founded in 1827 as The Ark in the Park, may not survive without government help. But government sources indicate that more money is unlikely to be forthcoming Page 5

MP indicted

Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party was stained by scandal again when Toshiyuki Inamura, a former cabinet minister and a sitting MP, was indicted for evading 1.7 billion yen (£6.8 million) in

Nissan split

Nissan Motor Company of Japan is to cut links with Nissan UK, its sole distributor Page 19

Brealey quits Reg Brealey, Sheffield United

chairman, resigned after agreeing to sell his majority shareholding to fellow director Paul Woolhouse .. Page 28

Lewis injury



Chris Lewis is returning home from the second Test in Melbourne, Australia. He has a stress fracture of the back. England were all out for 352 in

yesterday's play Page 21
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but of the country as a whole."

The Russian move leaves including social spending and state subsidies, will have to be cut by 110 billion roubles (£110 billion). This year, Russia contributed 142 billion roubles to the centre, but it has said it will give only 23.4 billion next year.

The Soviet central budget was always going to experi-ence difficulties next year, with the most optimistic es-timate forecasting an internal deficit of 59 billion roubles. roughly the same as that predicted for this year. But this required full contribuinvestment, lower defence spending, and price increases. So far there has been intense public resistance to price rises and the military is believed to have lobbied successfully to have planned cuts reduced.

What remained unclear last night was Russia's real power to withhold its contributions, given the still highly centralized system and the degree to which the manocuvre was a bargaining ploy.

majority needed, taking only can trust implicitly," he told 1,089 of 2,239 on the first sceptical delegates. count. Many delegates to the congress declined to vote at all. Despite the initial result, Mr Gorbachev stood by his choice and nominated Mr Yanayev for a second ballot, which he won confortably, with 1,237 votes in his favour. His confirmation was gre by thin applause from delegates tired and bored after ten

days' often ineffectual debate. Mr Yanayev, a senior party official and formerly head of the official trade union movement, was an unexpected choice for vice-president and many congress delegates, regardless of their political sympathies, complained that they did not know him. Reformists considered him too hardline, while many others said he lacked the necessary stature.

istered to vote but did not. A delegate who tried to dismiss the Soviet budget for next the re-run as a charade and the bulk of its planned revenue. According to Mr Gorbachev, central programmes, of arm-twisting to support Mr

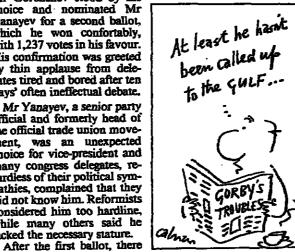
100 delegates who had reg-

Yanayev's second attempt brought a wide variety of arguments to explain their choice. Some said Mr Gorbachev had frequently been accused of indecision, and by standing by his choice, he was proving his consistency and single-mindedness. Others said that Mr Yanayev's reputation as a firm traditionalist would complement Mr Gorbachev's qualities and compensate for

his defects. One speaker said that Mr Gorbachev was taking a leaf out of Boris Yeltsin's book by choosing an unknown for his team. But others implied obliquely that Mr Yanayev was in the same mould and would have been the natural choice of the ailing prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov who had a heart attack on Wednesday. The final speaker foretold catastrophe if delegates failed to back his choice

for vice-president. Mr Gorbachev supported his decision to renominate Mr Yanayev by saying that only 25 per cent of delegates had In the vice-presidential ballot, Mr Yanayev, aged 53, was be decided as a matter of 31 votes short of the simple urgency. I want someone I

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Stormy meeting led to Ryzhkov heart attack

From Bruce Clark in Moscow

fered his cardiac arrest after which threatened to paralyse "excessive attacks that were the economy. exaggerated, persistent and

condition. husband's illness in an un- for the ambulance," usually personal interview, Ryzhkov said. published at length by Tass, which had given strikingly

he was still at work. She confirmed speculation night's stormy meeting be- tional state."

NIKOLAI Ryzhkov, the tween the Russian Federation Soviet prime minister, suf- and the central authorities,

"At three o'clock, he woke deliberate", according to his me up and asked me to give wife Ludmila. Yesterday, him something for his heart. President Gorbachev said he His forehead was covered in was in a serious but stable cold perspiration ... I gave him Validol and called the Mrs Ryzhkov described her doctor, who immediately sent

She added that her husband was no worse yesterday than sympathetic coverage to the on Wednesday, despite reprime minister's views when ports on Moscow Radio that his condition had deteriorated. "The pain has subthat his cardiac seizure occ- sided, but some time will be urred hours after Tuesday needed to stabilise his emo-

Storm tossed: a ferry straggling across the Firth of Clyde from Gourock to the Kilcreggan Peninsula yesterday Another Rushdie

five days of gales forecast

By David Young and Kerry Gill

BRITAIN is bracing itself for a fourth day of gales after rain, snow and winds gusting up to 80mph has blocked and flooded roads and left thousands of people without

electricity. Yesterday saw the worst weather so far of the present stormy conditions, with lower temperatures and continuing winds. Blizzards swept south from Scotland and Northern Ireland into north-

ern England and North Wales. Another five days of gales have been predicted. The London Weather Centre said that winds would again reach gale force today, and that Scotland, Northern Ireland. the North and the West would bear the orunt of the storm Snow would fall on high ground and there would be heavy seas. The rest of the country faced torrential sleet and rain, with high winds unlikely to disappear before next Monday or Tuesday. Yesterday's gales brought down power lines in the

than 3,000 homes. High winds and snow caused disruption throughout Scotland. A man died when his car collided with a lorry in the Borders. Police said that the accident was caused by

Midlands, cutting off more

bad weather. Power lines were brought down by winds gusting at more than 70mph, trees were toppled and many roads were Continued on page 18, col 7

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CBI warning of more job losses

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

A PICTURE of deepening expecting to recruit in the first power, the country's biggest job losses. employment services company. The reports come as union leaders in key industries that in industry, the worst hit are preparing wage demands has been the public sector, above the rate of inflation to with 15 per cent of firms maintain the living standards

of their members. The CBI said that the slowdown in earnings growth must continue in order to prevent a rising tide of redundancies becoming a flood. John Banham, director general of the CBL told unions that to use the retail price index as a target in pay negotiations would put jobs at risk. "If such recklessness prevails there will be needless job losses. Pay must reflect

performance. In its report, Manpower said that employment prospects are at their worst since the beginning of 1983. Only



"Pay must

recession and rising un- three months of next year, half employment was painted yes- the number for the same terday in separate reports period this year. At the same from the Confederation of time, more than one firm in British Industry and Man- ten is expecting to announce Manpower, which inter-

viewed 1,500 companies, said expecting a decline in employment prospects. In service industries, 12 per cent of employers are expecting to dismiss staff compared with eight per cent who plan to recruit them.

The Manpower report says that manufacturing has the best employment prospects, with expected recruitment above the national average at 14 per cent. Prospects for the private building industry are, however, described as grim with 24 der cent of bu planning job losses.

In spite of these warnings, leaders of powerful groups of employees, including manual workers in the electricity industry, have tabled double figure pay demands.

Meanwhile, John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB. the country's second largest union, said yesterday that the TUC should shift towards providing services to affiliates and away from being a lobbyist in the corridors of power. Mr Edmonds said that the TUC's role was being eroded because of the emergence of "super unions" and he suggested that it should concentrate on becoming a research, education and information service.

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reflect performance"

By Lin Jenkins

THE army is poised to press Tom King, the defence secretary, to issue call-up papers today to specified reservists with particular medical skills for service in the Gulf.

General Sir Robert Pascoe, the adjutant general, who has responsibility for the call-up operation, said yesterday that he had first to assess in what areas the service fell short qualified volunteers failed to raise the total needed. Yes- army doctors, nurses and

terday, 460 volunteers were medical technicians and those in Glasgow. Others were turned down on medical

Originally, Mr King had heartened by the numbers said that a further 1,500 who have so far turned up medical personnel were when you think of what is at needed, but General Pascoe stake for the individual in said that between 1,000 and

1,100 were needed. Those who came forward included a consultant surgeon after the call for medically earning £147,000 a year, a consultant pathologist, former

recruited at Aldershot and 250 with qualifications from within the Territorial Army. General Pascoe said that he grounds or because they were was not disappointed by the too old. was not disappointed by the low turnout. "I am very

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terms of finance, family and

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Neanderthal man may reveal his bloodline

By NICK NUTTALL

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT THE secrets of mankind's genetic lineage could be unlocked within five years, researchers are claiming. Sci-entists armed with new gene-screening techniques are studying blood-speckled tools which they believe

carry the genetic code of Neanderthal man, a brutish, human-like creature that lived 35,000 to 100,000 years ago. Experts believe that these and other blood samples taken from natural history collections and from tools at sites in Australia, north America and the Middle East, may allow them to plot evolutionary maps, similar to the way that geneologists chart family

trees. Scientists may also be able to resolve some of life's most fundamental questions, including how

genetic diseases emerged and if Neanderthal man was the end of an evolutionary line or the foreunner of modern intelligent humans.

Matching genetic fragments from primitive man with those from ancient apes could help to pinpoint where in evolution animals crossed over to becoming humans and provide insights into human migration over thousands of years. The dating of the arrival of diseases such as syphilis and influenza may also become

The work is being pioneered by a team from the Australian National university in Canberra, which is studying blood traces from tools discovered at various sites in the Middle East. Thomas Loy, the team leader and formerly of the Royal British Columbia museum in Vancouver, identified the potential of studying ancient remains for blood samples while analysing the knives of the Pacific Northwest Indians who lived 1,000 years ago. Mr Loy believes that the research could ultimately

reveal mankind's entire history. The research is being aided by the discovery that blood can survive complete with its genetic code for millenia, as well as improved techniques for examining samples. Once the Australian scientists are convinced that the blood samples are human, they are subjected to DNA fingerprinting analysis to discover

their genetic make-up. Researchers at Sheffield university are also using powerful enzymes and have detected blood proteins in Saxon bones believed to be 1,000 years old. They say the technique offers a cheap.

easy and highly sensitive way of detecting even small amounts of blood protein in crushed, ancient,

bone samples. The work is producing spin-offs for zoologists and researchers studying ancient cultural history. Dr Loy's team has been studying samples from cave paintings in the Northwestern Territory and Judds Cavern in Tasmania dating from between 10,000 and 20,000 years ago. These are not only helping to show that blood pigments were used in art but also allow dating of the paintings.

Other blood samples are believed to be from a species of cow which became extinct in Europe in the 17th century. Others from sheep should allow zoologists studying ancient animals to distinguish them more easily from goats' remains.

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WEEKEND LIVING

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a diversified energy programme Australia and the USA.

The Middle East holds two-thirds of known oil Any instability in the

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unlikely to be affected by events in the Gulf. Uranium for Britain's nuclear power stations is mined in countries

It would be unwise to assume that the present oil crisis will be the last. It's reassuring, therefore,

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Holiday price war a threat to small travel agencies

vesterday in a move that could mean the closure of many top six chains. smaller independent agencies.

ve from tour operators decline in the number of

ceive about 10 per cent com- the holiday reductions. ion for every holiday they sell from the major tour travel agents went out of operators, plus 15 per cent for business because of the price every holiday insurance package they sell. With profit this is expected to be over-levels trimmed to the bare taken this year as rent reviews minimum the only "fat" left for freehold shops push up to cut was the commission, costs and the business rate which will now be passed on

is to increase pressure on the news bringing many bargains. small travel agent, who cannot afford to give up what is the holidays in Britain, are hopemain source of his income, ful that 1991 will be a good

LEADING travel agency industry experts believe that year because of a succession of chains were offering big reduc- in 1991 hundreds will be hot summers that have contions on summer holidays forced to close by the price war vinced many thousands to

Companies such as Lunn protaganists in the battle were ther is not a consideration in Poly, Pickfords, Thomas maintaining yesterday that the their holiday choice, and 82 Cook, and A.T. Mays are discounts were bringing in per cent expect better weather financing big discounts on much needed additional cus-next year. The growing num-next year's package deals with tom, privately all admitted ber of indoor swimming the commissions that they that business had been at best pools, luxury hotels and "patchy" and that eveyone and holiday insurance firms. was suffering from the reces-Their aim is to maintain their sion. Some reported that isoshare of a market hit by the lated travel agents in the recession and the continued South-East were doing well, while others said that the best families taking package business was in the Midlands. All agreed that Northerners were slow to take advantage of

Last year, 282 independent war among the big chains, and begins to bite more severely. For holidaymakers, however, One of the effects, however, the price cuts are welcome

Those companies offering

that has broken out among the stay at home. Almost threequarters of holidaymakers Although many of the believe that the British weaapartments, and good sports facilities mean that more than three-quarters would not be put off by bad weather,

according to Hoseason.

prefer to spend their summer break abroad were warned about some of the pitfalls vesterday in a new guide by the travel company Hogg Robinson. More than 1,650 hotels in 250 resorts were checked for the latest Recommended Resort and Hotel Guide. They included a hotel just 300 yards from an airport, and another described as fine "if you enjoy a holiday on the

In spite of improvements towards higher quality with 98 per cent of hotels being recommended, 2 per cent appeared

HALIFAX INVESTMENTS



volunteers report for duty

By LIN JENKINS

SOME were former regulars. Many had been members of the Territorial Army for years. Yesterday, they gathered at two TA centres, Keogh Bar-racks, near Aldershot, and in Glasgow, to offer to serve in

Middle East.

wives and children. Spirits important. the Gulf. Surgeons, phy-were nevertheless high in spite Colleagues at the practice at sicians, anaesthetists, nurses, of the prospect of war break-Ashford, Surrey, where she

medical technicians and ing out within days of their has been working as a GP, administrative officers volun- arrival in the desert. Cecilia were at first horrified by her administrative officers volun- arrival in the desert.Cecilia teered to leave the cold of a Grossmith, aged 31, who left British winter for the heat and her post as major in the Royal locum during her absence. "It uncertainty of a posting in the Army Medical Corps 18 months ago after marrying, Many were apprehensive. said she volunteered at Alder-Most were leaving husbands, shot because the work was so

Colleagues at the practice at

decision, but have employed a is hard on my patients, and most of them do not know that it has happened so quickly," Dr Grossmith said. "I'm not frightened about going to the Gulf, but I am worried about being too hot." Alan Davies, aged 36, who

is returning to the army as a theatre sister, said that he decided to leave his wife, three-year-old son and 18 months old twins, simply because he was needed. He was first asked to volunteer in October, but feels this time the financial position and security of his job in a private hospital at Brentwood, Essex, is better.

"After five years in the Territorial Army, I am hoping that if people like me volun-teer they will not have to conscript anybody. It will be rather sad for the medical corps if they do. But we have no national service so there are not that many people trained for the job," he said.

Life has turned a full circle for Mavis Bordenkircher, a TA major, who yesterday joined more than 250 volunteers of the 205 (Scottish) General Hospital in Glasgow for mobilisation before flying to the Gulf Major Bordenkircher, a ward sister at an Edinburgh hospital, said: "Naturally I feel a little trepidation but I have been a volunteer since I stepped into

uniform in 1977." crowded into the TA centre to undergo the first stage in mobilisation before helping to set up a 600-bed field hospital in Saudi Arabia. After a security check they were given medical tests before speaking to welfare staff.

Captain Mike Everitt, RAMC unit mobilisation officer, said that some might have had family problems which would make them exempt from immediate service. Once through the administrative process they were subject to military law. The next step was to receive travel expenses, and the first day's pay which included a call-out gratuity of £210.

Scores of young nurses and doctors sat in rows patiently waiting for their combat suits, six sets of nuclear, biological and chemical protection suits ach, and their helmets from the quartermaster's store.

Private Sandra Burns, aged 26, and her husband Patrick, aged 33, a sergeant, joined the TA nine years ago. They will eave their daughters aged three and ten behind in the are of Mrs Burns's mother. The girls are well used to us toing away because we have een on exercises ever since we joined the TA and they know we go away from home together quite a lot," Mrs Burns said.

Colonel Glynne Jones, a namock, is commanding of-Hospital. He said that there board resources because of mobilisation. The field hospital would have 16 surgical

UK fuel supplies

Britain's exports of coal and oil for the second successive year, according to figures produced yesterday by the Labour

Accusing the government of squandering resources, Labour urged ministers to switch their priority from energy sales to energy conservation. Frank Dobson, the shadow energy spokesman, said that the value of Britain's fuel trade has declined from a surplus of £6,132 million in 1985 to a projected surplus of £310 million in 1990.

Heart hopes

Transplant specialists are hopeful that a new heart will be found for Christy Strachan, ten-day-old baby of New Barnet, north London, within the next few days. After a national appeal, there has been a rise in the number of donor organs available through the UK Transplant Co-ordinating Centre in Bristol. He has hypoblastic left heart syndrome, a congenital and incurable defect.

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Teaching threat

The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers yesterday threatened to oppose government plans for staff appraisal by big changes in pay and conditions. It has asked the interim advisory committee, which makes recommendations on teachers' pay and conditions, to oppose the plans unless such changes are

Plea for disabled

The TUC today calls on the government to introduce new laws to protect the disabled from discrimination and says they should be protected by the creation of a minister to review new and existing legislation. The TUC says that less than one in four employers meets the quota scheme, under which 3 per cent of every workforce of more than 20 employees must consist of disabled people.

Cars are recalled Toyota yesterday recalled more than 17,000 cars after

engineers discovered a fault could reduce handbrake performance. All Carina models built between December, 1987, and February, 1990, will be modified free of charge. A spokesman said:"The floor around the handbrake mounting could deform and in the worst possible case handbrake performance reduced."

Drugs find

A drug smuggler is believed to consultant physician in Kilhave drowned in heavy seas marnock, is commanding of after £100,000-worth of canficer of 205 (Scottish) General | nabis was found in a hold-all on a beach between Thorpe would be no drain on health | Ness and Sizewell, Suffolk. It was discovered near a rubber dinghy and an outboard mo-tor. Police believe it might learns made up equally of men | have been part of an operation to land drugs.

Thatcher tops radio's Woman of Year poll

By Richard Ford and Peter Victor

MARGARET Thatcher was ner-up to Mrs Thatcher, with yesterday voted Woman of the Tracy Edwards, the yachts-Year for the fifth consecutive woman, third. Jill Morrell, programme poil.

Even this victory, however, was haunted by the man who led the challenge to her leadership of the Tory party, for rumour had it that Michael Heseltine will this morning be named Man of the Year in Today's annual contest.

Listeners made Mary Robinson, the Irish Republic's first woman president, run-

defence unawages and relieved 13f a Slaven (Mids

year in BBC Radio 4's Today campaigner for the release of the hostage John McCarthy. was fourth, with Kate Adie, the BBC reporter, fifth.





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Cardiff draws itself a role in expanding cartoon industry

Children throughout the world are enjoying cartoons made in Cardiff that are providing Wales with a new cottage industry, Melinda Wittstock reports

AS MINES and steel mills in Wales were closing in the Eighties, animators in Cardiff were creating cartoon characters that have won the principality new fame. Fireman Sam, SuperTed and Wil Cwac Cwac, eight years ago

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just a twinkle in the eyes of their creators, have become children's favourites everywhere. The highquality cartoons, made in Welsh before being dubbed into almost every language and snapped up by the Disney Channel, are now avidly watched all over the world

on television and video cassette. Thanks to S4C, the Welsh commercial television channel created in 1982 as a sister to Channel 4, Cardiff is home to a thriving cottage industry, and Britain has become a significant player in the wonderful world that had belonged almost exclusively to Walt Disney and Warner Brothers.

Five animation houses and 45 independent production companies have sprung up with the financial backing of S4C, luring many talented freelance artists away from London and a precarious living from cartoon commercials. Cardiff art schools have been raided for talented students.

Now, as children read, or play with, spin-offs from SuperTed and Wil Cwac Cwac, international co-production export money flows back to finance still more ambitious projects. Only two full-length animation features were made in Britain throughout the 1970s, but four are being made this year in Wales alone.

S4C, which has grossed £1 million on Fireman Sam, the BBC's top-selling video last year, has £3.5 million riding on new projects and international co-productions. These will take Welsh animation far beyond children's cartoons, according to Christopher Grace, S4C's head of animation.



Moving pictures: a Cardiff animator viewing a "cell' from the cartoon Body Beautiful atisation of six Shakespeare plays. produced by two Welsh animators and Moscow's Sojusmoltfilm studio for release in 1992, breaks all cartoon clichés. A riveting, moody 60-second "animatic" of the opening witches scene of Dream, Romeo and Julies, The

firemen found them. Alan Can-

non, aged 24, had looked on as as

the family's mobile home burst

into flames, knowing his daugh-

the door but was beaten back by

thick smoke and passed out. Mr

Cannon and his wife Tracy, aged

21, who is eight months pregnant.

had left the caravan for a few minutes just after midnight to

brew a cup of tea in a nearby

They had been living on the Chequers Lane industrial estate in

Dagenham, Essex, since October

while Mr Cannon worked as a

security guard for a haulage firm

The couple had to use the office

to make meals because the

caravan was furnished only with

beds and a gas heater. They ran

outside when an explosion, pos-

sibly caused by the heater, ripped

the mobile home apart.

on the site.

He immediately smashed down

ters were trapped inside.

Macbeth, costing £30,000 to produce, had enough American and German buyers queuing at S4C's door for the channel to commission animated versions of Twelfth Night, A Midsummer Night's

Tempest and Hamlet. Some of the half-hour Shakespeare films will be painted on glass to give a fluid ethereal look that cannot be achieved by cell-animation techniques. Others will use models.

Dave Edwards, the renowned

animator who cut his teeth on Yellow Submarine and recently turned down a takeover offer from Disney for his Siriol Animations team in Cardiff, is not stopping with Shakespeare. Together with S4C and the American MCA, he is producing the first full-length animated feature commissioned by a Hollywood studio from outside America: The Little Engine That Could. Other Hollywood studios are lined up for co-production deals for two of his other projects, Hot Dog, a car-toon series about a canine car, and The Radio Adventures of J.P. Jones, in which a boy's imaginaworld of adventure as he listens to

a detective story on the radio. Robin Lyons, of Cardiff's Siriol Productions, is busy on a produc-tion by S4C and Hungary's Pannonia Studios of The Princess and the Goblin, a full-length fairy tale with the voices of Rik Mavall and Claire Bloom.

S4C's ambitions to produce high-class adult animation will soon be realised with a version by Mr Lyons of Dylan Thomas's Under Milk Wood. Using the Richard Burton soundtrack of the

1954, it will be a moody and imaginative £750,000 full-length feature "pitched entirely at adults", says Mr Lyons.

Channel 4's interest in adult animation has provided a showcase for the talents of both Joanna Hirst and Candy Guard, two feminist animators who have each won awards for their short, satirical pieces. In Miss Hirst's character Beryl, a disgruntled worlking-class housewife, features in Girls' Night Out and in Body Beautiful and is likely to appear in a series in which she goes to the Costa del Sol and to the Bronx.

Cardiff animators, now involved in £9.5 million worth of productions in the next two to three years, have become so successful that commissions are coming in faster than they can do them. "We have a serious skills shortage," Mr Edwards says.

Geraint Stanley-Jones, chief executive of S4C, wants to com-bine the older Welsh musical tradition with its newer one. "No one has yet been able to translate music to the TV screen creatively or successfully. We are going to interpret music visually," he said.

A £2.5 million animated dram-Five children die in caravan explosion and tragedy at canal

FIVE young children died yesterday in two accidents, three from one family after falling into a canal and two others in a blazing caravan as their father tried to rescue them.

The three children, two girls aged six and eight and a baby boy aged seven months, fell into Southcote lock at Burghfield, near Reading, Berkshire.

The mother, who was taken to hospital suffering from shock, told a woman police officer that she had been walking along the tow path of the the Kennet and Avon canal with the baby in her arms.

Her two older children were walking ahead when both lost their footing and slipped into the water. The mother tried to grab them but failed and also lost her grip of the baby, which fell into the

Police said that the woman, in a desperate attempt to save them ail, went into the water herself but scrambled back on to the bank and ran to a fisherman to raise the

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than 400 yards from the nearest road or house. The family lived in Tilehurst, Reading.

Ambulancemen comforted the mother and gave her sedatives before taking her to the Royal Berkshire hospital, Reading, where doctors gave her further medication.

Police managed to trace the father of the children - who was fishing on another waterway in the Reading area. They took him to the hospital and detectives were waiting with him to question the

The fisherman pulled the body of the six-year-old girl from the lock and police and ambulancemen found the body of the baby boy soon after.

Police divers recovered the body of the eight-year-old girl after water authority workers were called in to partly drain the 15ft

The two children who died in the caravan fire were named as Cheryl Cannon, aged three, and her two-year-old sister Nicki.

Mr Cannon was taken to Oldchurch hospital, Romford, suffering from smoke inhalation Police said the lock was more They were still in their beds when with his wife who was in shock. for at least two days.

The site owner Bill Weekes, aged 43, of Dagenham, said: "Alan and Tracy were making a cup of tea because there were no facilities "They are a lovely couple

devoted to their children. They adored them. There is no way they would ever have left them in any danger." Firemen said the cause of the fire was still not known but it was

not being treated as suspicious. A father and son were killed and a third person seriously injured involving two cars and a lorry on the A51 at Stamford Bridge near Chester.

Police in Cheshire said that the identities of the casualties would not be released until today.



Steven McGuinness, aged five, who has undergone a bone marrow transplant, being airlifted yesterday from Inverna ess to Glasgow's Royal Hospital for Sick Children after severe weather forced cancellation of the trip by ambulance (Kerry Gill writes). The Sea

King belicopter from RAF Lossiemouth had to be diverted to Forres, Grampian, during the trip to take a man suffering from a heart attack to hospital in Aberdeen. The belicopter then took advantage of a "weather

Glasgow. Although the flight took three-and a half hours, Steven's 170-mile journey by road would have taken much longer, with the added risk of becoming stuck in snow. At one stage they had to fly at 200 feet because of poor visibility.

Shoppers thin on ground as recession hits winter sales

feel the chill wind of the economic recession yesterday as they opened their doors for the winter sales to find few people queuing.

Department stores throughout the country were crowded but in London, where bargain-hunters traditionally wait for days to make sure of their special buy, only the homeless spent the night on the pavements.

In Oxford Street, Selfridges opened its door to a queue of only 200 people in spite of hiring a jazz band to woo the bargain-hunters. A spokesman for the store said,

HIGH street traders continued to however, that it was hoped that 100,000 shoppers would have passed through its doors by the

end of the day. Debenhams also had few bargain-hunters waiting when doors opened at 9am but, later in the day, said that menswear and household goods were in particular demand. Liberty, in Regent Street, said that takings were slightly up on last year. Sarah Wells, a student, bought a silk wedding dress for £150 - £800 less than the original price. At stores such as Jaeger and Aquascutum there were no big queues when the doors opened although businees

was brisker later. Business outside London was better and the retail industry is hoping that the January sales will help to compensate for its worst Christmas for ten years. Early indications are that bad weather and the recession are keeping most



Donald Weedon serving

shoppers at home for a few more days, leaving the bargains in London to the tourists.

A spokesman for the Marble Arch Traders' Association said: We all had a bad Christmas. Shoppers have been very clever this year and waited for the sales. They are also moving away from the big stores to the smaller, quality traders hit hard by the recession and forced to make huge cuts. American, French and Scandinavian tourists in particular are lapping up goods in the higher price range."

There are fewer signs of concern about the recession in the Midlands, where traders are hoping for near-record profits. In Birmingham city centre, car parks were full by mid-morning.

At the Merry Hill centre at Dudley, West Midlands, one of Britain's biggest shopping precincis, a queue of more than 600 shoppers formed outside Debenhams before the doors opened. There were also early morning queues outside stores in Reading,

Berkshire. in Hull hundreds of people had to cancel a trip to the sales after 300 gypsies set up camp at the main bus terminal and bus managers had to cancel a special "park and ride" service for shoppers to the city centre.

Europe's biggest shopping mall, the MetroCentre at Gateshead. Tyne and Wear, was crowded with shoppers. A spokesman said that sales might have been helped by bad weather in the region.

Appalling weather appeared to dampen enthusiasm for the sales in the centre of Belfast, where crowds were markedly lighter than in recent years. Retailers described

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Overseas campaign to attract more pupils

By DAVID TYTLER EDUCATION EDITOR

A MAJOR overseas recruiting campaign is to be launched next year aimed at increasing boarding school rolls and saving some

schools from closure.

The number of full boarders, who pay average fees of £9,000 a year, has consistently fallen since the second world war and now stands at 95,000 of the 475,000 pupils in schools represented by the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis). In 1982 there were 112,000 boarders out of 404,000 pupils. The fall has been only partly compensated by the growth of weekly boarding, which now accounts for 10,000 children.

Next year's campaign will be directed at the Far East and Europe, including the nations of eastern Europe. Representatives of Isis will attend three international exhibitions, in Dusseldorf, Taiwan and Kusla Lumpur, in an attempt to improve overseas recruiting, seen as essential if boarding numbers are to be increased and schools saved.

The big-name schools are not affected, but smaller schools in remote areas where there is no readily accessible area of population for 50 or 60 miles face the threat of closure.

David Woodhead, director of Isis, said that numbers of overseas students had been affected by political changes in traditional markets such as Iran, and by the aggressive marketing of schools in America and Australia. In 1982 there were 33,500 overseas pupils. representing 4.4 per cent of pupils, but this year the figure fell to 22,700, fewer than 3 per cent.

An increase in students from abroad would have to be matched by better marketing at home, Dr Woodhead said. "Boarding schools have got to market themselves more effectively in the United Kingdom quite apart from looking outside. They have to see what the market wants.

"There are some boarding schools which are still against weekly boarding as they think it diminishes the whole ethos of boarding. As the number of par-ents looking for full boarding diminishes, the schools have to cater for the new type of parent, where both work and can see the advantages of boarding but want their children home at the weekend. It is better for the school to make that change willingly than to be forced into it."

Weatherline threatened with closure

Firemen searching for one of the bodies at Southcote lock

By RONALD FAUX

THE Lake District national park weatherline, which warns hill walkers of treacherous weather, might have to close for want of a sponsor.

The weatherline, which the mountain rescue service believes has saved lives, is used by 250,000 walkers a year. In yesterday's severe weather, those who wanted to know the conditions on Helvellyn (3,113ft), one of the country's most popular mountains, need only to have picked up a telephone to learn that it was covered in fresh snow with ice underfoot, storm-force winds, a high wind

chill factor and poor visibility.
This information was available only because Sue Thompson, a national park ranger, climbed Helvellyn to check and bring the

report up to date. Stewart Hulse, leader of the Langdale and Ambleside mountain rescue team, said that it would be a terrible loss if the service ended. "It allows people to check if it is worthwhile setting out. If you've driven all the way from London to climb a mountain the temptation to press on regardless of the weather is great and that is when accidents happen. A forecast is vital before setting out

into the hills in winter." The Lake District service costs £15.000-£20.000 a year to provide. However, the national park fears that loss of sponsorship by a chocolate company will mean the service moving to a more expensive premium charge rate, making it less attractive, or that it will have to be abandoned.

Road scheme protest grows

By MICHAEL McCarthy ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE growing attack on the environmental consequences of the government's £17 billion roads programme is intensified today with a report calling for the scrapping of present methods of appraising road projects.

The government's system for deciding which roads to build is undemocratic, biased and works against the interests of the environment, the report, commissioned by a group of five wildlife trusts in southeast England and their parent body, the Royal Society for Nature Conservation,

Present appraisal procedures. based largely on monetary costbenefit analysis, are far too narrow and should be replaced with a fairer scheme allowing public transport alternatives to be assessed, more emphasis given to the environment and decisions made after more public debate.

The study, by Stephen Atkins, through Twyford Down in Hamp-lecturer in transport planning at shire and the extension of the A20 Southampton university, is the latest in a series of attacks on the extensive construction programme announced last year in the white paper, Roads for Prosperity.

A study produced for the same group in September showed that the programme threatens 372 important wildlife sites in nine southern counties alone, half supposedly protected, and that if the pattern were repeated for the whole country, more than 1,500 such sites would be put at risk. In October the National Trust said the programme threatened 30 of its estates or historic properties. Later that month the continuing destruction of wildlife sites by roadbuilding was publicly at-tacked by the Prince of Wales.

Environmental fears have been heightened by the government's decision to press ahead with several schemes, including the driving of the M3 motorway dual carriageway along the top of the white cliffs of Dover.

KPMG Peat Marwick, a firm of management consultants appointed to help to prepare new guidelines for environmental good practice for various government departments, is still to make its recommendations.

Rupert Harwood, the wildlife trusts' transport campaigner, said: "The current appraisal system has devastated the environment, wasted billions of pounds and undermined democratic decisionmaking. Bureaucrats are making decisions that should be made by elected politicians. We are calling upon the government to abandon this archaic and disastrous system."

Unsooken Decrees: Road Appraisal Democracy and the Environment (Wildlife Trusts Transport Cam-paign, 80 York Way, London NI 9AG; £3.50)

gentleman's relish at the Mutant turtle eggs may pose salmonella health risk

By THOMSON PRENTICE

MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT MILLIONS of turtle eggs exported from America to be hatched into pets may harbour drug-resistant strains of salmonella bacteria that can cause serious illness, particu-

larly in children. According to a recent study in the American Journal of Epidemiology, American turtle farmers are unwittingly breeding pets with antibiotic-resistant strains of the bacteria. Canadian health department scientists isolated 37 salmonella strains in 40,000 eggs

imported into Canada and found that all but seven were resistant to gentamicin, one of the most widely used antibiotics.

The study says that such high levels of antibiotic-resistant bacteria pose a serious human health risk. "Further marketing of turtle eggs and hatchlings should be curtailed until consistent production and distribution of salmo-

nella-free stocks can be assured." Five years ago the US Food and Drug Administration banned the domestic sale of nurtles less than four inches long after researchers Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

found that almost 15 per cent of film. The mutant problem began human salmonelia cases in America could be attributed to contact with the pets. However turtle egg exports were not prohibited. Robert Tauxe, an epidemiolo-

gist at the Centers for Disease Control, in Atlanta, Georgia, said baby turtles might look harmless but they were biological sponges of salmonella. Five million baby turtles and eggs were exported to Europe, Asia and South America last year and the demand is higher this year, probably because of the

because farmers, anxious to eradicate salmonella from the turtles, overdosed their eggs with antibiotics to which the bacteria developed resistance.

Adults are unlikely to suffer from the bacteria but children. whose natural defences against infection are not fully developed, are more vulnerable to symptoms of abdominal cramps, diarrhoea and vomiting

Ronald Siebeling, a microbiologist at Louisiana state university. who developed the treatment for

the eggs, said that misuse of the drugs by farmers could lead to a big public health problem, and that was not acceptable. Turtle-linked illness has not yet

surfaced as a health problem in this country but the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said that the film was boosting the sale of their terrapin cousins, also known to be salmonella carriers. About 1,000 of the common snapper species of American turtle are imported into Britain each year as aquarium and

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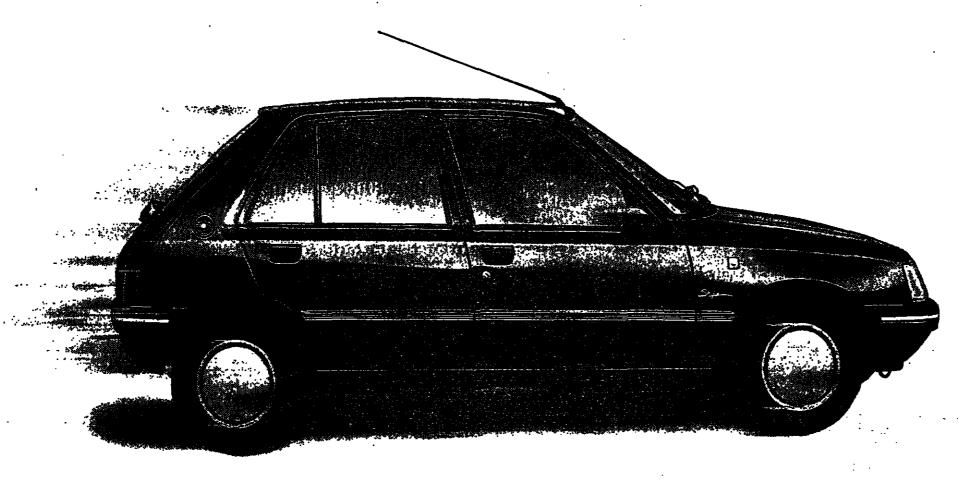
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Kasparov triumphs in long-running duel of champions

ding world chess champion, has finally imposed his dominance on Anatoly Karpov after a duel that has inned five encounters and

Their first match began in Moscow in the winter of 1984 and was terminated on February 15 after 48 games with no final result. Kasparov, who had emerged from earlier doldrums, had won two games in a row and was predictably not amused.

His revenge came at Mos-cow in 1985 when, at the age of 22, he beat Karpov to become the youngest world champion. In return matches held in London and Leningrad in 1986 and Seville in 1987, Kasparov fought off Karpov but only by the narrowest of margins.

In Lyons, Kasparov's fiery genius has now produced an incontrovertible victory, being two points ahead with two games remaining, and having already secured the 12 points needed for retention

Gary Kasparov. the world's greatest chess player, has not seen the last of

challenger Anatoly Karpov, Raymond Keene writes

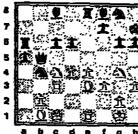
of the world championship. The quality of chess played in this match has been equal if not superior to that in any former world championshi match. Kasparov, aged 27, from Baku in Azerbaijan, must now be regarded as the greatest player in chess history.

This match fell into two haives. The first 12 games were played in New York, with the remainder in Lyons. During the early rounds of the New York leg Kasparov was supremely domina early successes epitomised by the second game. Here Kasparov made clear that he believed Karpov's weak point to be his black defence in the Ruy Lopez opening, which he used repeatedly during the match.

The key moment of the second game came when Kasparov sacrificed his bishop on move 25 with the move Bxh6 (see diagram). offensive that swept Karpov away. In spite of this brilliant start, the remainder of the leg did not go all Kasparov's

He became bogged down in Karpov's excellent defensive technique and threw away many promising positions as he became frustrated at his opponent's refusal to crack under pressure, Kasparov lost game 7 after an uncharacteristic blunder, and after 12 games the scores stood level at six points each.

With the switch to Lyons the weight seemed to fall from Kasparov's shoulders. After 17 games, however, Karpov was still even. In game 17 (see diagram) with



Game 2: the position before 25 Bxh6

Karpov playing white, Karpov. after move 26 by playing Rc6, ensured penetration of Kasparov's camp. A few moves later Karpov reduced the black position to a shambles and forced Kasparov's resignation.

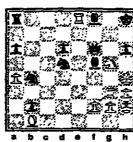
It was at this stage that the world champion started to take control. In game 20 (see diagram) Kasparov made a dramatic breakthrough culminating in the brilliant sacrifice of his queen to shatter Karpov's fortifications. The diagram shows the position after Kasparov, on move 31,



Game 17: the position before 26 Rc6

played Qxh6+. This queen sacrifice, rare at such a high level of chess, finally broke Karpov's resistance. The challenger had now gone two points down and although he strained every nerve in games 21 and 22 he could do no more than draw. The draw in game 22 gave Kasparov the title.

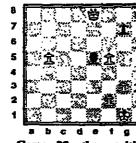
These two grandmasters are titans in the chess world. Kasparov, however, has the advantage of youth and has won four of his five world championship matches. He is 12 years younger than



Game 20: the position before 34 Qxh6+

Karpov, which gives him an edge in mental agility. Furthermore, Karpov has never quite adjusted to the modern era of computer information, preferring to play on his own instincts. Kasparov, however, is a computer addict, whose headquarters are stacked with computer database chess moves. Kasparov has not just accumulated such information, he also knows

how to retrieve it and utilise it to great effect. All this, however, is unlikely to end Karpov's quest



Game 22: the position after the agreed draw

for revenue and it will be surprising if he does not return as a challenger in defend his title.

☐ The deciding game 22 started with Kasparov, playing white, using the Ruy Lopez opening. By move 27, Karpov had established a phalanx of black pawns in the heart of the white position

Kasparov, however, then sacrificed a piece to transform the game and on the 39th move forced a draw by perpetual check with his

queen. Although Kasparov's lead is unassailable, the prize fund of \$3 million (£1.6 million) will be divided according to the final number of points scored by each player. Game 23 is scheduled for tomorrow and game 24 for Monday. ☐ The Foreign and Colonia

Grandmaster tournamen Britain's premier grandmaster event, opens at Has-



London Zoo in funding appeal to avoid closure

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

year had a record operating shadow of closure would redeficit of £4.9 million, might turn. There are major probnot survive without govern- lems and it's difficult to see ment financial help.

Government sources inmoney is unlikely after a 1988 agreement that visitor attracfinancing, although the education and science department will continue to support the research-orientated Institute of Zoology with a grant next year of £1.4 million.

Only two years after the more than 3 million in the environment department provided a "final" rescue package of £10 million and absolved itself of future support, the Zoological Society of London is expected to appeal for more before the end of the financial

year in April. At a meeting in March between Lord Peyton of Yeovil, treasurer of the society, and Chris Patten, at that time the environment secretary, Mr Patten merely adivised further management consultations. Lord Peyton said: "We can't be sure the 200 will survive until the end of the century. One or two more

LPO grant from Arts Council reduced

By SIMON TAIT

THE London Philharmonic Orchestra has had its Arts Council grant cut for next year in what is seen as a criticism of its programme. Yesterday's announcement

of the last big grants for 1991-2 will be taken as a further slight to the South Bank Centre in the council's distribution of £194 million of 'subsidy to its 173 clients. The council funds the four

big London orchestras on a concert-by-concert basis. The LPO's grant of £465,000 has been reduced by 0.65 per cent to £462,000, and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's increased by 5.5 per cent from £435,000 to £460,000. The Philharmonia's grant also rises, by 5.4 per cent from £540,000 to £569,000. All of the orchestras serve the South Bank and none will get any thing from the Arts Council's new enhancement fund.

The fourth, the Barbicanbased London Symphony Orchestra, will get an 8 per cent increase on its basic grant of £600,000, rising to £648,000, plus £400,000 from the enhancement fund, making a

total increase of 75 per cent. John Willan, managing director of the LPO, said: "I find this allocation very puzzling and we will be discussing it with the Arts Council." The LPO is to become the South Bank Centre's resident orchestra in April 1992, "We understand that we shall get a substantial increase in our subsidy for when we move into the South Bank, but the reasons for our basic grant being reduced at this point is difficult to understand."

LONDON Zoo, which last years of bad results and the our way round them." The £4.9 million operating

dicate, however, that more deficit, which covers London Zoo and its sister wildlife centre, Whipsnade Park, was tions at the zoo should be self- reduced to a more manageable £2 million after account was taken of interest payments. However, dire predictions are again surfacing at the zoo where attendances have fallen to 1.2 million a year from

> Lord Peyton said: "When we went to see Chris Patten. we saw the situation as grave. We still have money but it was prudent to see him. We shall need to present the matter again to the new secretary of state, Michael Heseltine." In Mr Heseltine the society

> might hope for a sensitive response, for he served on the board of Zoo Operations Ltd, the society's subsidiary company, until his recent appointment to the cabinet. As part of the strategy

agreed in 1988 between the society and the government Zoo Operations was formed as the society's operations arm to provide what visitors want. Visitor-orientated aspects of management were contracted out to the Grant Leisure Group, which has been responsible for much of the revolution at the zoo in the late 1980s. More than £4

million has also been spent in a marketing campaign to bring new dimensions to the zoo. In spite of these innovations, however, David Jones, director of London Zoo and

Whitenade Park, said: "For various reasons we have not been able to increase our income to the point where we are not losing money. If we don't get further support, then clearly we have to think about the options, which might include closing down." The society has also been

hampered by the 200's history, not least the fact that much of the zoo consists of protected buildings, and by the objection of local residents to leisure expansion. Planning restrictions and local pressure could lead to a switch of res ources to Whipsnade where there is more scope for devel-opment. That could mean the end of London Zoo, where it costs £6,000 a year to feed an elephant and £15 an ant out of tax income for reviving Brit- ling 12,000 cars, says that range of new cars coming on a total feeding bill of £750,000. ain's biggest manufacturing shorter-life vehicles are to the roads."



Indian winter: to complement an exhibition on the Raj, the National Portrait Gallery is running a series of Indian dance classes for children until tomorrow. The teacher Sujata Banerjee is seen with Raphael Pepper, a pupil

Alcohol boost for cars cuts pollution

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDEN

FUEL additives made from trees and plants can reduce pollution from motor vehicles, researchers said yesterday. Tests indicate that adding methanol and ethanol derivatives to petrol can significantly reduce carbon and other pollutants.

The preliminary findings are the result of tests carried out by American researchers with methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), a product of methanol, and ethyl tertiary butyl ether (ETBE), a derivative of ethanol fermented from corn. Scientists at Mobil Oil and General Motors added 15 per cent of the methanol derivative to the fuel of cars dating from 1989 and also to cars built between 1983 and

The alcohol-derived chemical cut carbon emissions from all ages of cars by 10 per cent. and smog-forming hydrocarbons by 5 per cent in the newer cars and 7 per cent in the older

Ian Berwick, directorgeneral of the United Kingdom Petroleum Industry Association in London, said that MTBE was already being used in countries such as Germany

In Britain it is being used sparingly to boost the octane and performance of cars running on lead-free petrol.

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Two killed as plane crashes near road

A pilot and passenger were killed when their light aircraft crashed and exploded close to a main road yesterday. The Cessna 150 came down in a field 100 yards from the A34 at Bullington Cross, near Whitchurch, Hampshire.

Rescuers were unable to save the two people on the blazing aircraft. The Cessna from the Dan Air flying club had taken off from Lasham airfield, Hampshire.

Hospital remand

cused of driving into the gates of Buckingham Palace was remanded to hospital until January 16 under the mental health act by Bow Street magistrates. Edward Cozens, aged 28, of Godalming, Surrey, is charged with crim-

Drink-drive ban

Magistrates in Coalville, Leicestershire, jailed Donald MacKenzie, aged 33, of Shir-ley, West Midlands, for five months and banned him from driving for 15 years when he was convicted of his fifth drink-driving offence.

Body found

The body of Shahpal Ahmed aged 16, who drowned when he fell into a river near his home in Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Christmas day, has been found, police said.

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Makers want new-car tax scrapped to boost sales

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

new cars to revive flagging sales and encourage the scrapping of old, more polluting vehicles.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders says that sales of new cars will fall further next year after a decline of more than 12 per cent this year caused by high interest rates and the reces-2.3 million last year, are expected to fall to 1.9 million next year, putting further pressure on manufacturers already bringing in short-time work-

ing and redundancies. The 10 per cent special car tax brings in about £2 billion for the Exchequer. Car makers are arguing, however, that the government should trade the ACL, which runs fleets total-

CAR makers are urging Nor- industry. In turn this would needed to bring the benefits of man Lamont, the Chancellor, encourage the introduction of "green" engine technology to drop the 10 per cent tax on more environmentally to the roads more quickly. friendly vehicles. The society says that models in showrooms create only half the pollution of those built a decade ago, with fuel consumption up to 30 per cent better.

ed that half the pollution blamed on cars came from sion. Sales, which peaked at under 17 per cent of vehicles, which were suffering from poor engine maintenance and

The fleet industry, however, says that older cars cannot be tuned to cut pollution and should be forced off the road by tighter regulation. Bill Hamer, managing director of the contract hire company

% "green" engine technology on

He said: "More than eight million cars are seven or more years old. At the present rate old cars are finally laid to rest. it will be after the year 2,000 before Britain's national fleet complies with either today's A recent survey for the new car emissions standards Royal Automobile Club show- or the progressively stiffer ones affecting models built

later in the decade." Car manufacturers believe that Mr Lamont will move against the special car tax in his March budget but want him to adopt a general policy

Simon Foster, director of the society, said: "If the government and the public are really longing to see the in-troduction of cleaner technology, then it is available in the

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Canadian brings discrimination case By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A RACE relations tribunal in ities and tried to oust him "I was in charge of the thought to be living abroad. Cardiff is to hear the first case from his job out of prejudice orchestra and most of the in Britain of alleged discrim- against Canadians.

hearing will be the culmina-Welsh College of Music and

nell, head of strings at the principal. Cardiff college, has brought The dispute dates back to of dismissal against Professor cation, and the Co the case against South Glam- the arrival of Mr Fletcher at McConnell was withdrawn for Racial Equality. organ county council because the college in 1984 and his after threats of industrial ache says that his career has been rapid introduction of changes. tion by lecturers and the interblighted. He alleges that Peter Professor McConnell was vention of council officials. Fletcher, the former principal, among the first staff to feature Mr Fletcher took early ment until removed his main responsibiling in the reorganisation. He said: retirement last year and is now complete.

time at a preliminary hearing away from me." tion of a six-year dispute at the in March. Professor McConnell is, however, pursuing a men continued to deteriorate duties, is being supported by Professor Arthur McCon- defamation by his former inconclusive enquiry into Association of Teachers in

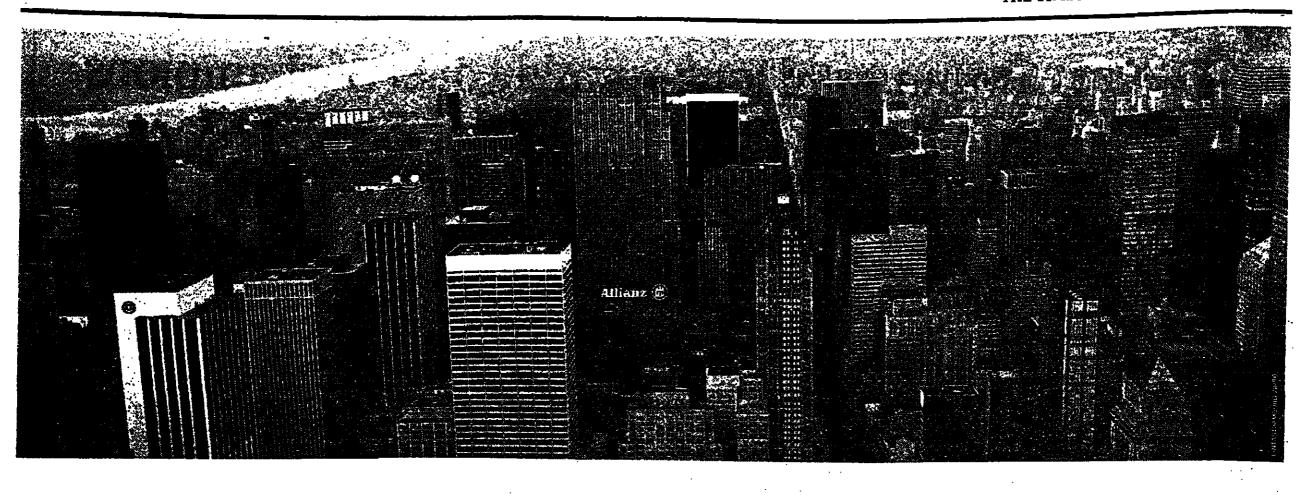
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their dispute. A final warning

He did not attend the preliminary hearing and it is not for the tribunal. Professor McConnell, who

Relations between the two bas not returned to his former separate action alleging after the council held an his union, the National Further and Higher Education, and the Commission

The tribunal is due to hear the case on January 7. The council is refusing to com-Mr Fletcher took early ment until the proceedings are



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Tax evasion case against ex-minister stuns Tokyo

From JOE JOSEPH IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S ruling Liberal Democratic Party was stained by scandal again yesterday, when Toshiyuki Inamura, a former

The big sum has shocked the Japanese, even though politicians rank among the country's richest and least respected people.

The indictment is a setback for the Liberal Democratic wariords. They had been hopbe welcomed back on the front benches. Mr Inamura's re-Japan will make such a return 1986 and 1988. politically difficult

minister, said last night that he disapproved of Mr Inamura's actions. Opposition parties demanded Mr Inamura's resignation from par-liament. Tokyo public pro-

Cash lures to make Japanese multiply

Ву Јое Јоѕерн

HAVING lost its faith in the birds and the bees, the Japanese government is taking procreation into its own hands before disaster strikes the nation. Officials, who subscribe to the apocalyptic view, say that unless drastic action is taken soon, the Japanese race will be wiped out in a millennium. Nobody accuses the Japanese of thinking short-

To persuade couples to make more babies, the annual budget, due to be approved by the cabinet within the next few days, has set aside an extra 50 billion yen (£19.6 million) to Japan may be controversial. make reproducing more tempting. That is one-third MPs and cabinet ministers budget. More child allowances and subsidies to nurseries and child-care centres are the

The panic follows the re-sults of Japan's latest census, published at the weekend, which put the population at 123,611,541, up just 2.1 per cent over the 1985 tally. It is the lowest growth rate since the second world war - disconcerting for a country that is used to producing more and more of everything. Worse, the birth rate has sunk to a record low of 1.57 children per more and executive.

Tokyo fears that if the trend few taxpayers to foot too many old people's pensions, and a scarcity of labour.

secutors claimed yesterday that Mr Inamura dodged the taxman after running up profits of 2.8 billion yen from cabinet minister and a sitting allegedly dubious stock deals MP, was indicted for allegedly evading 1.7 billion yen (£6.8 Mitsuhiro Kotani, a colourful share speculator who was arrested recently on charges of insider share trading.

If convicted, Mr Inamura faces a backdated tax bill and penalties of more than 2 billion yen.

Mr Inamura has been watching the chaos develop ing to find portfolios in the around him from a secret imminent cabinet reshuffle for address in Tokyo. Without a MPs suitied by last year's complex legal process, MPs Recruit bribery scandal. They cannot be arrested while parfelt that the MPs tainted by this had served their time in the wilderness, and could now gave him little doubt about his future when they raided his homes and offices last week. minder of the blurred border and then interrogated him on between politics and money in his stock dealings between

For the first half of this Toshiki Kaifu, the prime period he was environment ninister, said last night that minister in the cabinet of Yasuhiro Nakasone. Through-out those three years, Mr Inamura was allegedly trading in stocks almost every day, often from his office in the parliament building. He carried out more than 1,000 share deals, involving more than 50 million shares. Environment ministry officials cautioned him against receiving streams of stockbrokers at his office.

Mr Inamura prepared himself for yesterday's well sign-posted events by resigning from the Liberal Democratic Party on Wednesday, though he is not expected to give up his seat in the lower house.

Before formally pressing charges yesterday, public prosecutors would have convinced themselves that Mr Inamura had used his profits for himself, buying fancy apartments, more shares or letting them earn interest at the bank. Had the money been used for Mr lnamura's political expenses, he may well have escaped the

Japanese politicians raise huge amounts of cash to court constituents with presents for their weddings and gifts at new year. Money raised for such political activities in but is free of tax. The many dal managed to avoid prosecu-tion because they seemed to have used the windfall profits they gained from buying cutprice Recruit shares for political purposes.

One who did not, Takao Fujinami, once Mr Naka-sone's chief cabinet secretary, allegedly used his gains to buy property. Mr Fujinami is awaiting trial for his links to Recruit.

Mr Nakasone himself was friends and associates. One of Mr Nakasone's aides is recontinues, Japan will have too ported to have made 120 million yen from trading in the shares of a company which Mr Kotani took over.

Black Christmas taps ritual roots From James Bone in New York

C carcely have Jews in America finished cel-ebrating Hanukkah, and Christians celebrating their Christmas, when millions of American blacks begin what they call "Kwanzaa". Kwanzaa cards sit side by side with new year's missives in stationery shops; radio hosts discuss the seven key principles of Kwanzaa; and churches and museums are

hosting Kwanzaa events. Sometimes known as the "Black Christmas", the festival is in fact a secular celebration of "African-American" heritage dreamed up by a black power figure in 1966. For a week between Boxing day and new year, black American families gather nightly to replay elements from ancient African harvest rites. "Kwanzaa" is an abbreviation of the Swahili phrase matunda ya kwanza, meaning "first fruits".

It's not really African, it's African-American," said George Calderaro of the Studio Museum in New York's Harlem, which had to turn more than 100 people away from its Kwanzaa celebration this year, "It's not observed in

Africa. It's a uniquely African-American phenomenon." The festival was the brainchild of Maulana Karenga, a civil rights leader who now teaches at California university.

For seven nights, families gather to light a red, black or green candle, the colours of black nationalism, in a seven-pronged candle-holder similar to a Jewish menora, and sip from a "unity cup" called a kikombe.

ach night celebrants discuss one of seven principles, the Nguzo Sabat, laid down by Mr Karenga after extensive research into African custotus. The principles are umoja (unity), kuhicha-gulia (self-determination), ujima (collective work and responsibility). ujaama (cooperative economics), nia (purpose), kuumba (cre-ativity) and imani (faith).

Black nationalists contend that Kwanzaa eschews the cult of personality characteristic of Christmas. The festival could, however, fall victim to its own success, and become just another commercial celebration of shopping.

Dickensian dark, page 10





Taking hold: a Hong Kong fireman grabbing Cheung Ah Chi, aged 19, and dragging her away from the parapet of a 15-storey building as she prepared to jump to her death. Police said that the girl wanted to commit suicide after an argument with her boyfriend

Manila wins right to 'illegal' Marcos wealth

From A Correspondent IN GENEVA

THE Swiss supreme court yesterday dismissed five years of appeals from the family of the former president of the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos, and ruled that \$270 million (£142 million) held in Swiss banks should be returned to the Philippines. But the transfer is con-

court ruled.

d'état against President ditional on a Philippines court Aquino, after the court debringing the late president's cision. It is not clear whether

widow, Imelda Marcos, and she is prepared to risk more never made the slightest gesother members of the family bloodshed, or whether any of ture towards a compromise in to trial on fraud charges, the the Marcos family could be brought back for trial."

Guy Fontanet, the lawyer Mrs Marcos and her child-representing the Philippines ren have sought asylum in government here, said he Hawaii. Manila brought acthought this was "possible but tion in Swiss courts for the difficult". He said: "More return of the money, but a legally acquired" and, for than 1,200 people were killed series of appeals in lower example, \$70 million held in in the last attempt at a coup courts delayed the pro- an account in Fribourg "was the supreme court.

this matter," Mr Fontanet said. "In fact, they have done Mrs Marcos and her child- everything to delay things.

They can do so no longer." He said the money held in Swiss accounts had been "il-

second world war. The court ruling turns over

to the Aquino government all bank documents scized when Marcos was toppled. The money will follow as soon as a trial of the family has been held in the Philippines.

Bankers said this was the first time the Swiss governceedings and sent the case to siphoned off by Marcos from ment had agreed to a country's reparations paid by the Japa- request to return money from "The Marcos family have nese government to the people personal numbered accounts.

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Rangoon sacks dissident **MPs**

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BURMA'S military government has sacked eight members of parliament who fled to the border to set up a provisional government. Bur-mese state radio said. The eight were Sein Win, prime minister of the rival government declared at an insurgent base last week, and the members of his cabinet.

They won their scats in elections last May which gave the opposition a huge victory over the military-backed party. The ruling Rangoon junta, the State Law and Order Restoration Council, has since prevented the opposition from assuming power, and the parliament has not convened.

"The judicial court has ruled that there is substantial evidence to deduce that the persons ... have formed a parailel government and have made contacts and are cooperating with insurgent org-anisations which are engaged in armed struggle against the state," the broadcast, monitored here, reported. "Their status as elected People's Assembly representatives has therefore been annulled."

Sein Win, chairman of the Party for National Democracy, announced the formation of the so-called National Government of the Union of Burma at a guerrilla base at Manerplaw on the border with Thailand on December 18, It links the politicians with 21 dissident and ethnic groups.

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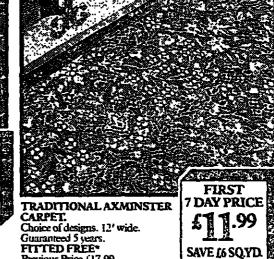
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British academic sees Kremlin at centre of East's upheaval

or encouraged the revolutions in Eastern Europe a year ago is supported in a report published today.. Mark Almond, lecturer in modern history at Oriel College, Oxford, says that the downfall of the Ceausescu regime in Romania at Christmas last year was essentially a coup, although the plotters would not have acted when they did without the courage of protesters in Timisoara and Bucharest.

In Retreat to Moscow, written for the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies, he says it is clear that the Soviet leadership did not observe events in Eastern Europe passively. Moscow and local agents in the former East Germany appeared to have intervened to forestall a Chinesestyle confrontation between Erich Honecker's leadership and the

people. He says there is considerable evidence that senior figures in Eastern European regimes, particularly those linked to promoters of perestroika, did much to precipitate the revolutions and were encouraged by the Kremlin and the KGB. "From Moscow's point of view it was important to avoid an uncontrollable popular explo-sion which might draw in Soviet forces against its will and damage the standing and influence of the USSR in the West."

Mr Almond says that apparatchiks remain entrenched everywhere except at the top, although they remained politically invisible. "Disenchantment in Eastern Europe with a capitalism whose capitalists are none other than the old communists is growing," he says, argning that this made it harder to revive a spirit of

With communist rule in Albania on the brink of collapse, Andrew McEwen considers Moscow's role in orchestrating the new order in its former satellite nations

self-reliance and enterprise. Gerald Frost, director of the institute, says in a preface that evidence for doubts about the spontaneity of the upcisings includes the disclosure by President Havel that the revolution in Czechoslovakia began with a KGB conspiracy.

Other elements were the discovery that the National Salvation Front now governing Romania existed long before Nicolae Ceausescu's downfall, and evidence that President Gorbachev intervened to topple the Honecker regime in East Berlin. In Albania,

the last bastion of stalinist rule in Eastern Europe, the new opposition Democratic Party yesterday demanded a referendum to decide the date of the country's first multinarty elections after the communist Albanian Party of Labour refused its request for a delay.

Sali Berisha, a founder member of the Democrats, said they had lodged a petition demanding the referendum to the praesidium of the People's Assembly, which decreed on Monday that the poli should go ahead as planned on February 10. He said: "We have entire country so the people can decide whether to postpone the election. If the people say 'no', we will accept this. But the people

The Democratic Party, founded by students and academics on December 12 as the first noncommunist force for 46 years, wants elections put back to May. "We have no means or resources to organise a real electoral campaign in 45 days," Mr Berisha said, adding it was unclear whether his party could raise a candidate for all 250 seats in the assembly.

"The Party of Labour concentrates almost all the electoral resources of this country in its hands, to the point where it has a five to one advantage over the opposition. Many people disagree

with this situation," he said. A statement from the Democrats said their party had more than 10,000 members and was organising branches nationally. But it complained that activists were being hindered by communist party and state authorities and renewed charges of "unjust and illegal censorship" by the communist-controlled media. The statement was issued at a press conference in the House of Culture in Tirana, where two Democratic activists removed a large white bust of Albania's late stalin-

podium before the meeting began. The Democratic Party was set up a day after President Alia unexpectedly bowed to student protests and gave the go-shead for a multiparty system. He told a conference of the Party of Labour

ist leader, Enver Hoxha, from the

would be "pluralist and entirely free" and must lead to a genuinely democratic assembly. "We stand for a loyal dialogue with (the opposition) for all those problems preoccupying the country and for a programmed co-operation for their solution."

Mr Alia this year has cautiously brought political and economic reform to Albania and ousted several hardliners from his party's leadership amid unprecedented unrest and mounting economic turmoil. Last week the party ordered the removal from the country of all symbols of Stalin.

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Russian vote puts financial squeeze on Soviet Union

withhold more than 80 per tion to next year's central open challenge to central eco-nomic control and was at once only 23.4 billion next year.

The Russian Federation condemned by President like most of the Soviet Gorbachev as threatening the Union's 15 republics, has "disintegration not only of the repeatedly argued that it is

colonel, Dmitri Volkogonov, who had said: "We are now facing not just a struggle with including coal, oil and pre-the centre, but war." His cious metals. words were echoed by the terday that Russia's stance of a "war of prices".

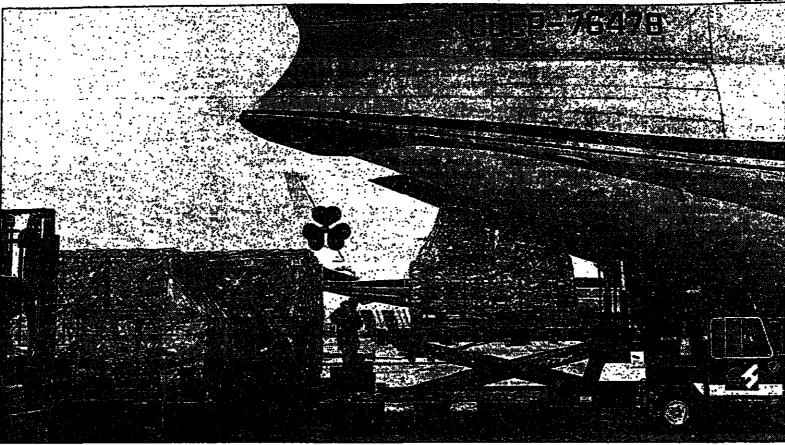
of the centre by flying to a remote area of northeastern Siberia. His place on the platform of the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies was vacant vesterday, and Mr Gorbachev announced acidly: Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin left for Yakutia at 0040 this

THE Soviet Union appeared finalised next week, without threatened with financial the bulk of its planned revdisaster yesterday after the enue. According to Mr country's biggest republic, the Gorbachev, central pro-Russian Federation, voted to grammes — including social spending and state subsidies cent of its planned contribu- will have to be cut by 110 billion roubles (£110 billion). budget. The decision, taken by This year Russia contributed the Russian parliament late on 142 billion roubles to the Wednesday, constitutes an centre, but has said it will give. The Russian Federation,

economy, but of the country milked by the centre, claiming that funds are misspent on The Russian Federation maintaining inefficient in-leader, Boris Yeltsin, sec-dustries and a vast central onded one of the speakers in bureaucracy. Russia has also the budget debate, the retired been locked in conflict with Moscow over control of the republic's natural resources,

The Soviet Union's central Soviet finance minister, budget was always going to Valentin Pavlov, who told the experience difficulties next full Soviet parliament yes- year, with the most optimistic terday that Russia's stance estimate forecasting an in-threatened the whole central ternal deficit of 59 billion budget system and said that roubles, roughly the same as the country stood on the brink that predicted for this year. This, however, required full As soon as he had signed the contributions from the repubbudget proposals into law, Mr lics, a sharp reduction in Yeltsin signalled his defiance capital investment, lower defence spending and price increases.

As President Gorbachev expressed his anger at the Russian decision, the Russian Federation's finance minister. Boris Fedorov, aged 33, announced his resignation. He accused the Russian prime minister, Ivan Silayev, of The Russian move leaves doing nothing to reform the the Soviet budget for next republic's economy and im-year, which was to have been prove living conditions.



Food flight: a consignment of British food aid for Moscow being loaded on board an Aerofiot aircraft at Stansted on Christmas day. Part of the load, containing coffee and biscuits, reported to have gone missing, has been located in a warehouse at Moscow airport

Missing food aid found in airport warehouse

By Andrew McEwen

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distributed.

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to speed up clearance

reach those in need. Mr

Karasin said that 70 tons of

food had been delivered and

The three-ton consignment

was raised by three human

rights organisations which

wanted it to be distributed by

It was still unclear, however, whether British human rights groups which sent the consignment would succeed in their aim of having it distributed by a former Soviet dissident rather than the Soviet authorities.

Grigory Karasin, counsellor at the embassy, said the food was not properly labelled and the authorities did not know what to do with it. However, aid workers in London said

TEN tons of food aid from that the three-ton consign- beliefs but now leads a group Britain destined for needy ment mentioned in yes- on Moscow city council. The Russians turned up in a terday's report had been aim was to avoid a risk that it warehouse at Moscow airport clearly addressed. It appeared might be diverted or stolen. yesterday after the Soviet that another consignment of Representatives of the groups embassy in London followed seven tons had been sent on said yesterday that Mr up a report in *The Times* that the same plane and that the Karasin assured them on part of it had gone missing. two may have been confused. December 10 that this would be allowed. Mr Karasin acknowledged this but said the Both the embassy and aid workers expressed concern groups failed to inform him that gifts might stop if the public feared they would not that they had sent the aid.

Danny Smith, director of Jubilee Campaign, a Christian group, said he was pleased the food had been found, but the groups could not compromise on the distribution issue, He was invited to the embassy for Cargo labelling designed

Bill Gribbin, of the Movement for Christian Democracy, said he watched the consignment loaded on to a Soviet aircraft at Stansted airport on Christmas Day, and there appeared to be a label on each box. Joyce Simson, of the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry, said the labels were clearly addressed to Mr Aleksandr Ogorodnikov, a were clearly addressed to Mr former dissident who was Ogorodnikov at Moscow city imprisoned for his Christian council.

to journalists from West

The foreign ministry said charka and Khabarovsk in the journalists on request.

THE Soviet Union is to open Soviet Far East. The number up almost half the number of of closed areas has been a areas previously barred to source of friction between foreign journalists (Mary De- Moscow-based correspon-

Moscow worried by draft dodging

gions. With only a few days to go before the end of the autumn recruiting drive, 4,860 of the 17,000 youths in Moscow who were sent conscription papers have yet

The Soviet Union's armed forces of five million are a conscript either gave written overwhelmingly composed of notice of his refusal to serve, conscripts who are virtually unpaid. Defence chiefs have repeatedly rejected as too expensive, proposals for a professional army. Until now the army has reported severe problems with conscription in the Baltic republics, Armenia and Georgia, but it claimed that the this year's recruiting

campaign was overwhelm-ingly successful in the Russian heartland. This week the defence ministry published a draft bill which would, for the first time, allow conscientious objectors to perform unspecified non-military tasks for three years, instead of the

ALMOST one third of the that the recruiting difficulties young Muscovite men called reflected fears among parents up for military service this autumn have failed to re- to quell ethnic unrest in areas spond, raising the prospect of such as Armenia, where only 7 an unprecedented manpower per cent of youths responded crisis if similar levels of draft- to conscription papers in the Another officer told

Moskovskaya Pravda that district councils, prosecutors and the police were refusing to play their normal part in rounding up conscripts. He to show up, senior officers said the prosecutor in one have admitted. said the prosecutor in one district of Moscow was refusing to start proceedings unless or acknowledged receipt of two sets of call-up papers and

Goldminer threat to Brazilian **Indians**

Rio de Janeiro - Up to 200 more Brazilian goldminers are reported to have invaded Indian territory in southern Amazonia, pulling up de-marcation posts and threaten-ing local Indians (Louise Byrne writes).

The latest incursion is the most serious in almost a year of conflict, during which at least two Indians and one miner died. The government organisation for Indians (FUNAI) is calling for urgent action to remove the miners, who threaten the survival of more than 1,000 Uru-eu-wauwau Indians. President Collor de Mello has called for a revision of policy on demarca-tion of Indian territory.

55 die in fire

Dhaka - At least 55 people died and more than a 100 others were injured when fire destroyed a clothes factory in Dhaka's northern industrial suburb, police and rescue workers said. Six women jumped to their deaths from a five-storey building as flames engulfed a block of "sweat shops" in Mirpur area.

New premier

Seoul - President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea named a new prime minister, Ro Jaibong, and reshuffled his cabinet yesterday, in an attempt to polish his party's image before national elections starting in 1991. The prime minister said would be a priority. (AP)

Bishop's wives

Nairobi - A Kenyan arch-bishop has been excommunicated for having two wives, press reports said here. Archbishop Joseph Kimani, spir-itual leader and founder of the Kenya National Evangelism Fellowship, was excommunicated by a vote of members of his church. (AFP)

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No-go regions are opened up

dents and the authorities.

However, even before the yesterday that the regions to new ruling, the veto on visits be opened include the cities of to closed areas was collapsing Sverdlovsk, Omsk and Tomsk as cities such as Sverdlovsk in the Urals, centres of the with reformist local councils, defence industry, and Kam- started to issue invitations to

usual two years in the army. The bill makes another concession to radical and nationalist demands, voiced in particular by Uzbeks who claim their young men suffer a disproportionate number of barrack-room deaths, by brothers of conscripts who die in service. General Franz Markovsky, deputy head of the armed forces, told Tass

Italy beset by kidnap boom From Paul Bompard

TO FIND new ways to combat the rash of kidnappings that continues to plague Italy, Vincenzo Scotti, the interior minister, yesterday called a summit meeting of senior magistrates and police chiefs. The latest kidnapping - of a Sardinian businessman took place on Christmas eve. It brought the number of hostages now held by various gangs to eight, including two

children. Most of the victims are believed to be hidden in caves and hovels in the crasgy and icy mountains of Calabria, the home of the feared 'Ndrangheta gangs. The police know that they are there but, partly due to the terrified silence of the poor local shepherds and farmers, are unable to find them.



Scotti: called summit to combat kidnap gangs

referred to, by carabinieri with dogs, jeeps and helicopters succeeded in discovering only of the kidnappers, and is a few disused hideouts. More released by lunchtime. than one former hostage has told how, during his captivity, he was taken through small villages where the locals pre-Last year a sweep of the tended not to see him, despite Aspromonte, or "Bitter the fact that he was in chains,

fears that, in addition to the dozen or so publicised kidnappings each year, there are many more that are never reported to the police. Often families are encouraged to pay a relatively small ransom quickly rather than enter into negotiations which can last years and involve the amoutation of a hostage's ear. There is talk in the drawing rooms of well-to-do Milanese

that quick mini-kidnappings are taking place in the Milan area almost every week. A rich businessman is captured on his way to work in the morning, forced to order the transfer of a sum of money from his Swiss account to that

Italy is probably the only country in Europe where kidnapping has become almost an industry which the authorities, try as they may, seem

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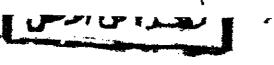
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Stalemate in Gulf diplomacy despite 'readiness' to talk

From John Holland in Bachdad

for several days regarding dates for a meeting, although President Saddam Hussein said yesterday he was ready for "serious and constructive and constructive dialogue." dialogue" with the United States, "based on mutual

Mr Wilson vehemently de-Tariq Aziz, and other foreign ministry officials, "It is a very sensitive time," Mr Wilson said, "but there have been no contacts recently."

imminent meaningful dialogue between Baghdad and Washington.

With only 18 days to go

Saddam, after talks yesterday meeting was being held at all. with his top foreign envoys Following the arrival in

had not spoken to one another if it included talks on the of the 2,300 Soviet civilians Palestinian question - a linkage Washington has firmly

the lraqi leader said, "but rejects American arrogance, vanity and imposition of will. vanity and imposition of will. leave Iraq by chartered air-Iraq's linkage of the region's craft no later than January 3." nied one news report that he issues, with priority given to had been holding talks with the Palestinian question and the Iraqi foreign minister, rights of the Palestinian people, is a correct, parriotic and humanitarian policy."

Yesterday the tone of Iraqi officials and in the state-run media, while still vehemently He insisted that he had "not anti-Western, lacked the usual given up on the diplomatic sabre-rattling and "come and process" but Western officials get us" rhetoric which had say they still see no sign of an dominated news items in recent days.

Some observers said that, sharp words notwithstanding the renewed emphasis by before the UN deadline for the Baghdad on starting dialogue withdrawal of Iraqi forces was a positive sign, which may from Kuwait. America and be followed by an overture Iraq have both expressed which some diplomats have readiness separately to hold a hinted could happen around direct dialogue. But neither appeared able to find agreement on either the timing for said to be holding their weekly an exchange of visits by their meeting at the Italian embassy foreign ministers, or on the to explore new avenues of diplomacy, but sources could Meanwhile, President not even agree on whether the

THE American charge d'affaires. Joe Wilson, said vesterday that he and the Iraqis ington was possible, but only embassy spokesman said misses working in Iraq would be allowed to leave for home jected. within a week. The spokes-"Iraq is ready for serious man said talks with the Iraqis were "going smoothly". "We expect all but a few

> The deputy chairman of the Soviet council of ministers, Igor Belousov, arrived yes-terday with the Soviet deputy oil and gas minister, as well as the head of the Soviet foreign ministry's Middle East section. The official Iraqi News Agency said that Mr Belousov "lauded Iraq's intiative to allow Soviet experts to stay of

hundred of our citizens to

leave as they wished".

The two sides had been at stalemate for several weeks over the issue of penalties to be paid to Iraq for broken Soviet contracts by workers in the oil and power industries. Neither Soviet nor Iraqi officials would say how they had resolved their differences.



Taking stock: Trooper Shawn Fowler, from Preston, Lancashire, of the 4th Armoured Division, eating a sandwich after driving his newly arrived Challenger tank from its transporter in Saudi Arabia yesterday

Public posturing masks continued search for peace

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

dent Saddam Hussein sent Joe Bessmerinyldh, the Soviet Wilson, the US charge d'af-faires in Baghdad, a cake official said in an interview shaped like a yule log and a floral arrangement of purple and lavender zinnias. Mr Wilson sent Tariq Aziz. Iraq's Iraq that it was deadly senous Christian foreign minister, a about going to war. bottle of Californian wine. The exchanges were small, but

With Christmas over, the sobering reality is that just 18 days remain for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait or precipitate a bloody Middle East conflict. US officials say they see not the slightest sign of President Saddam backing down, while President Bush is said to have "crossed the Rubicon" and reconciled himself to war. But to suggest that it is now all over, bar the shooting is wrong. Behind the belligerent public postures of both sides, the search con- for military action It would be tiques for a way to avert a high-risk move, given that bloodshed, and over the next two weeks there may be some surprising developments.

Bush broke his Camp David dare undercut the nation's Washington. That included a Nations, so late in the day

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ON CHRISTMAS day, Presi- meeting with Alexsandr that the US was considering a to strengthen the message to

To date, President Saddam has proved remarkably shrewd in knowing just how far he can push the Americans, and the US official said it was entirely possible that the Iraqi leader may make some move between now and January 15 to forestall a US attack.

US strategy is based on the belief that the Iraqi leader is still not convinced that a divided America would go to war over Kuwait.

The quickest way to dispel that misconception would be to seek congressional approval many Democrats want sanctions to be given more time. but it is one Mr Bush is For reasons the White considering and he may gam-House would not divulge, Mr ble that Congress would not holiday for a brief trip back to stand, and that of the United

Rock show ban angers French

From A Correspondent in Paris

authorities banned at the last

eran rock stars. A crew from the Antenne-2 in France." channel accompanied the 48year-old singer, Eddy Mitchell, on his abortive desert tour. left-wing newspaper Libera-Their report, shown at peak tion asked why Bob Hope had time last night, showed the been allowed to entertain deep disappointment of for- American troops in Saudi eign legionnaires at the most Arabia. "Is Bob Hope less forward French positions at subversive than Eddy Mitch-Miramar, 50 miles from the ell or has Washington been Iraqi border, after the first more convincing than Paris?"



a special Gulf medal

under Saudi official pressure on Saturday.

A second concert was called off on Sunday half an hour before it was due to start, when 1,500 French soldiers had already assembled in cancelled, Mitchell, who first

with his Saudi opposite number, Prince Sultan Ben Abdel Aziz, on Sunday to protest at the "very regrettable incident". M Chevenement said them briefly.

Kuwait warning

Peking - The Kuwaiti foreign minister, Sabah al-Sabah, said

it was too late for Gulf peace intraves from China or any

other country (Catherine

where the Emir of Kuwait, Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, is holding talks with President

He was speaking in Peking,

Sampson writes).

on peace efforts

The affair has stirred grum-

performance was cancelled Le Figaro said: "The discontent is ge servicemen who do not under stand the reason for this contretemps with the Saudis."

One French officer was quoted as saying "We are perhaps going into the firing line for them and they deprive us of a concert."

After the two concerts were made a name for himself in front of a stage in the desert.

The French defence minthe late 1950s and was known ister, Jean-Pierre Chevene- for his opposition to the ment, cancelled a meeting Algerian war in the 1960s, borrowed a guitar from a Foreign Legion NCO and

A TELEVISION document- during a Christmas visit to the

ary broadcast yesterday French contingent of 6,500 described as "very bitter" the men in Saudi Arabia: "I do mood of French frontline not think that Eddy Mitchell is troops in the Gulf after Saudi a subversive singer.

"The songs of Eddy Mitchminute two Christmas con- ell were not threatening Iscerts by one of France's vet- lamic values any more than they threaten Christian values

bling in the French press. The

Colonel Mercier, the second-in-command of the 1st Regiment of Spahis, an armoured cavalry unit, said the cancellation "is going to deal a blow to morale. One never ought to have promised something that could not be

kept".
The French defence minister sought to boost morale during his Christmas visit by announcing that all French troops will be awarded a special "overseas medal" for Gulf service as well as a pay bonus for hazardous duty.

US task force

Manila - A 13-ship US Navy

amphibious task force arrived at Subic Bay, the US naval base in the Philippines, en route to join forces in the Gulf

area against Iraq, a navy spokesman for the US 7th Fleet said. The task force, which left San Diego two

weeks ago, is the biggest to leave America's west coast since the Victnam war. (AP)

War opposed

Build-up in Jordan Amman - Jordan is beefing up troops along its frontier with Israel amid fears that the Jewish state might become involved

in a Gulf war, official sources said yesterday. They said troops and tanks were being moved into place in case Israel attacked

Iraq through Jordan.

The sources said Mudar Badran, the prime minister of Jordan, during a visit to Syria over a week ago, discussed coordinating their defences in the event of an Israeli attack.

Jordan fought Israel in 1948 and 1967, and in the latter war a

ceasefire line was declared along the Jordan valley. (Reuter)

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All doublets and pose

ournalists are chatterers and preachers, at their VDUs if not necessarily in their social life. C'est notre metier to produce an off-the-peg opinion or description at the drop of a deadline. Coleridge, in addition to his many other virtues and failings, was an incorrigible journalist. Charles Lamb was a generally acquiescent audience to the garrulous pontificator. One day, when Coleridge had been banging on at length and at random, he suddenly inter-jected the question: "Charles, have you ever heard me preach?" Tve never heard you do anything else," replied the patient Lamb.

Our trade is to produce words fast - preferably persuasive, in-teresting and amusing words, but at any rate fast. The most powerful piece in the world is useless if itmisses the deadline. As a con-sequence, we are prodigal with words, using a garden hose rather than a syringe to make our point. We never use one epithel if we can think of half a dozen to spray at the reader. A most important part of writing is revising, pruning superfluties that are not pulling their weight. It is a practice that journalists find repugnant. We want to tap the piece out and shoot it to the composing room as quick as we can. That old news editor, Horace, recommended keeping any piece for nine years before publishing it. Nine years is a bit long for a daily paper, but the principle is sound

Our journalists' liberality (prodigality?) with language is produc-ing a vice in modern English that we might call duplication. It consists of never using a single word if there are a couple of yoked words that give the same meaning nearly as well. We tend to write ground rules, when what we mean is rules. Ground rules originally had a specific sense in sporting jargon, meaning the idiosyncratic rules devised for a particular ground or course. From some baseball varns: "In the olden days there was a ground rule which only allowed two bases for a hit over this fence." It was too snazzy a phrase to be left to the sporting pages, and it has now virtually replaced plain rules in journalism. The only point in it is if there is some difference in these rules from other similar ones: "The ground rules of American press conferences are different from ours." Nine out of ten instances of ground rules in the blats are just any old rules. Ground rules have -

become an irritating cliché. Role model we have picked up not from the sports pages but from the dodgy jargons of sociology and psychology. In those disciplines, it is used as a technical term to mean ne who, in the performance of a role, is taken as a model by others. "If the teacher was a role model. narents were obviously unaware of it." I do not see that

the addition of "role" adds much to plain model in such contexts. But let is pass. Even sociologists have a right to their own jargon. But there is no need for us journalists to pick up the shiny new parase and bung it in all over the place, where model does perfectly well on its own. But, of course, we do. And we are showing a predictable taste for the even newer doublet of role play, which is all the rage in the jargon of

justify it by saying that a seachange has become a cliché for a radical metamorphosis. But I think that 99 out of 100 instances

by deleting sea.

Does shelf-life (a term from the new jargon of supermarkets) mean anything more in journalistic use than plain life? Distinguish between a track record and an ordinary record. Do you really need to write "user-friendly"? Is answer back saying more than answer, or end-user than user? Most of these doublets seem to be both tautologous and jargon. When Peter Jay was economics editor of The Times, an intrepid sub approached him near edition time and said that he could not make head or tail of his column about the Budget. P. Jay replied, majestically: This column is meant to be understood by only half-a-dozen people in the counrules and role models of journalism aim for a wider readership.

of sea-change would be improved

...and moreover

Alan Coren

Boxing Noon, and Hamp-stead Heath resembles nothing so much as the gale-scattered covers of all those comic annuals ripped yestermorn from their urgent stockings. So many bright new Mickey Mouse gloves! So many bright new Rupert Bear scarves! So many bright new Garfield earmuffs and Kermit boots and Peanus pullovers! The world, new-laminated, is crying "Hallo, Chums!" Cavorung Cavorung gaily in the drizzled gloom, all this indescent giftery - on adult and child alike - seems to bespeak not so much Christmas as some medieval Haberdashene Fayre upon which the city's cordwainers and hosiers and mercers and drapers and hatters have descended to propitiate their diverse tutelary gods and

flog their latest lines. It is all so cartoon-jolly that I do not immedately notice that something is missing. What makes me finally notice it is the singularly poignant sight of a small boy sledding down the sodden East Heath slope towards the Vale of Health. He has new yellow moonboots on, and a new Snoopy flying helmet. He has a new sled. He could be on the cover of the Beano Annual, were it not for the one thing he does not have, He does not have snow.

Poor little begger. He is making a valiant fist of it. shoving himself off from just beneath me, lurching down the wer grass, slaloming the bushes with expert toe and mitten, bumping to a halt after a dozen yards, then struggling up again, his mudcaked sled trailing erratically behind him on its sodden string. Had he snow, he would not stop at all, he would hurtle on, shricking joyously. scattering the pirouetting skaters on Hampstead Pond and finally fetch up, breathless, in Gospel Oak. Because, if he had snow, there would be skaters on Hampstead Pond today, rather than the goosebumped madmen flaunting their traditional brag-

gadocio in the unfrozen ooze. Maybe, in his head, he has it. The imagination, at seven, is rich. Maybe he goes down the hill with six huskies in front and a pack of wolves behind. Maybe the unflagging effort is all about

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management training studies. Sea-change is a much older journalistic doublet. We have

nicked it not from the sports pages or the sociologists' glossary, but The Tempest, and whenever we write change, we make it sea-change, to suggest to the casual reader that we are cultivated chaps, from whose desks the collected works of Shakespeare are seldom absent. The point of the original sea-change was that Alonso's bones were supposed to be turning to coral, his eyes into pearls, and his other bits being transmuted in ways thought appropriate to prolonged immersion in salt water. Within a few weeks of the first production of The Tempesi the backs and broadsheet balladeers had no doubt picked up the pretty phrase as a knowing variant for a plain old change. Ariel would be gob-smacked at how far the phrase from his song has travelled, and into what strange waters. Here is an example from "Edmund Crispin" in Glimpses of the Moon (he was pretty keen on Shakespeare):
"He could, moreover, bring about
a sea-change in the image of even the most bumbling police officers going about their duties, so that the; emerged as prodigies of intelligence, zeal and kindness." Yes, but what has it to do with the sea, officer? Oh well, you can

try; and you are not one of them." At a less exalted level, the ground

getting to Gospel Oak before Amundsen. My point (I have just decided) is that he shouldn't have to. He is forced to imagine only because he is forced to compensate for unnecessary disappointment. He should not have been led to expect snow. He should not have torn open his bedroom

curtains, immediately after tearing open his sled-wrappings, to have his heart sunk by only drizzle specking the panes. For two months now, cottonwool has been his promissory note. He has stared through it at frosted toys, while Muzak jingled sleigh-bells at him. Tempted inside, he has sat on Santa's snow-booted knee, and heard how reindeer struggle through blizzards on behalf of good little boys. All his weekly reading has featured snowcapped mastheads, all the stuff

within has occuped itself with snowball fights, thin ice, risible snowmen, and mad dogs happily frozen suddenly solid in the act of going for a newsboy's shin. Everything he has watched on television has ostensibly taken place in arctic conditions, and all anyone has talked about has been the prospect of the white Christmas of which he

No chance. We have not had white yule in 20 years, and the odds on our warming globe ever offering one must be incalculably long. This isn't Lapland. Christmas snow is but one more EC standard to which we have let ourselves be bijacked. Is it not time to chuck this damaging delusion in?

has been encouraged to dream.

What it does here at Christmas is rain. We should make this a meteorological virtue. Let us have a Briush Santa in cheery yellow oilskins and souwester, ho-ho-ho-ing through the drizzle in a dory tugged by six big cod. Let take raindrops twinkle down our shop windows from autumn on, let our cards show robins on floating logs and coaches in flying spray. and each display, advertisement and grotto anticipate the joys of snug dry firesides bonding happy families together against

the cats and dogs beyond. Sing I'm Dreaming of a Wet Christmas, Cliff, and let's be

Why I have embraced Islam

man's spiritual choices are a matter of conscience, arrived at after deep reflection and in the privacy of his heart.
They are not easy matters to speak
of publicly. I should like, however, to say something about my decision to affirm the two central tenets of Islam - the oneness of God and the genuineness of the prophecy of the Prophet Muhammad - and thus to enter into the body of Islam after a lifetime spent

outside it. Although I come from a Muslim family background, I was never brought up as a believer, and was raised in an atmosphere of what is broadly known as secular hu-manism. (I should mention that most Indian Muslims affirm the value of the secular principle, seeing it as their best safeguard as a minority group in a predominantly non-Muslim country.) I still have the deepest respect for these principles. However, as I think anyone who studies my work will accept, I have been engaging more and more with religious belief, its importance and power, ever since my first novel used the Sufi poem Conference of the Birds by Farid ud-din Attar as a model. The Satanic Verses itself, with its portrait of the conflicts between the material and spiritual worlds, is a murror of the conflict

ment of New York's

most melancholy Christ-

mas for years, it was almost a relief to switch on the

early local news on Boxing Day

and bathe in the usual week-day

beadlines. "Fire tragedy strikes Bronx family..." intoned the cheery reader, using the standard

formula employed by all five local

stations after a quiet night in Gotham City. Identical words

could be heard on the rival

channels. There followed news

that four people were wounded in

a Christmas-night shoot-out

among patrons at a suburban cine-

ma, and that the city council had

awarded its school bus contract to

a Mafia-owned company. What,

no Trump item and not a mention

of John Gotti, those regulars in New York's cast of colourful rogues and villains? Not to worry,

there was a passing reference to the

Dapper Don, as Mr Gotti is always

called in newscasts. He had, we

learnt, enjoyed his turkey along

It may seem ghoulish, but the

horrors of the local news provide

New Yorkers with a sort of black

comedy, a familiar commentary

on the state of the city There is a

village-like cosmess in keeping up

with the antics of its favourite

personae, most of whom go by first

names or aliases. As well as the

Don and the Donald, the list includes the Reverend Al (Sharp-

ton, the street activist), Leona

(Helmsley, the hotel owner), Dave

Dinkins, the mayor), Ed (Koch,

the former mayor), even The

Jogger (she who was raped in

Central Park). It is almost as if the

city, now deep in one of its

periodic crises, takes a perverse

extreme of everything the country

has to offer New York has grown

blasé about ills that would send

lesser towns into despair How-

ever, in recent months, this old

spirit has been wearing thin as the

social fabric of the metropolis has

Much of the gloom comes from

been stretched to breaking point.

the depression of a middle class being pummelled for the excesses

of the Eighties. More than 100,000

New Yorkers have lost jobs over

without bail over Christmas.



Salman Rushdie explains his affirmation of the Muslim faith and his decision to

own way towards an intellectual explicitly referred to in the novel understanding of religion, and as punishments and retributions; religion for me has always meant and that the dream figures who Islam. That journey is by no means torment him with their assaults on over, I am certainly not a good

Muslim. But I am able now to say that I am Muslim; in fact it is a source of happiness to say that I am now inside, and a part of, the community whose values have always been closest to my heart. I have in the past described the furore over The Satanic Verses as a family quarrel. Well, I'm now inside the family, and now Muslims can talk to Muslims and continue the process of reconciliation that began with my Christmas Eve meeting with six Muslim scholars. This meeting, described in some

defeat, was in fact a victory for compassion, understanding and tolerance. For over two years I have been trying to explain that The Satanic Verses was never intended as an insult; that the story of Gibreel is a parable of how a man can be destroyed by the loss of faith; that the dreams in which all the so-called "insults" occur are In short, I have been finding my portraits of his disintegration, and

sections of the western press as a

religion are representative of this process of mination, and not representative of the point of view of the author. This is not a disavowal of my work, but the simple truth, and to my great pleasure it was accepted as such.

The six scholars and I agreed that the controversy over The Satanic Verses was based on a tragic misunderstanding, and we must all now work to explain to Muslims everywhere that neither I nor my work have ever been inimical to Islam. They agreed that over the last 15 years I have in fact shown myself to be an ally of Muslims, whether in Kashmir, or the rest of India, or Palestine or in Britain, where I have frequently written and broadcast against all forms of discrimination.

"We want to reclaim you for ourselves," one of the scholars said, and I replied that I, too, wished to reclaim them. The

restrict publication of The Satanic Verses moved me greatly. I am told that already, in many Muslim countries and communities around the world, that mood of affection has begun to replace anger. Goodwill is replacing ill-will. That is cause for celebration. As a contribution to that new

atmosphere of goodwill, I have agreed not to permit new translations of The Satanic Verses, nor to publish an English-language paperback edition, while any risk of further offence remains. This is because the process of peace will take time. The crisis has been long. bitter and deep. Reconciliation after such a crisis takes time. I have sought to create the atmosphere for that reconciliation. As to the question of total withdrawal of the book, I would

say this. In spite of everything, The Satanic Verses is a novel that many of its readers have found to be of value. I cannot betray them. Even more important is the recognition of Muslim scholars that the book is not a deliberate insult. Had they felt otherwise, I might well mood of the meeting was generous have thought again. As it is, I and even affectionate, and it believe the book must continue to

ually be seen for what is. I will discuss with Penguin Books the possibility of adding to the existing hardback editions a statement declaring that it is not intended as an attack on Islam.

·I said on December 24 that I felt a good deal safer in the aftermath of my meeting with the scholars than I had the day before. That is still true, although I obviously regret the renewed threats from Tehran and cannot help wondering why the British government seems no longer to feel any need to respond to such threats. My real safety. I have long believed, lies in the attitudes of the Muslim community at large. My meeting with the scholars, at which they declared themselves satisfied with the sincerity of my position, is the traditional Islamic way of resolv-ing an issue of alleged offence against Muslim sancuties.

I know that most Muslims will be content with what has been achieved, and will now wish this matter to be laid to rest. I appeal to all Muslims, and to Muslim organisations and governments everywhere, to join in the process of healing that we have begun. What I know of Islam is that tolerance, compassion and love are at its very heart. I believe that in the weeks and months to come the language of enmity will be

Dickensian darkness seeps to the heart of New York

Charles Bremner on a city where freewheeling attitudes

to social disaster are beginning to wear a little thin



It's a wonderful town: competition has made the beggars a touch more entrepreneurial this Christmas

the past year in the financial and service industries which boomed in the last decade. House prices, inflated beyond reason, have collapsed amid predictions that they are unlikely to recover before the next century. One sign that things are really bad is the complaint this month from the psychotherapy profession that its members are falling on hard times through a shortage of clients. New Yorkers are staying away not only from the shrink, but from the shops, where fear of the future put a cramp on Christmas spending.

pride in its role as the most The sense of loss this season has been beightened by the deaths in recent months of such figures from the civilised past as frying Berlin, Greta Garbo and Leonard Bernstein. Most of all, however, the despondency springs from a level of violence that seems to have returned the city to a darker age. Some 2,200 people have been murdered this year, including 32 taxi drivers shot in robberies and

10 children hit by stray bullets.

With its wild contrasts of squalor and opulence, toughness and sentimentality, New York has always had a Victorian feel, and never more so than at Christmas, when the tree glows outside the Rockefeller Centre, the Empire State Building dons its lighting and science-tugging jingles. children gather around the shopwindows of Fifth Avenue. This year, however, the at-

mosphere has become positively Dickensian, so much so that citing Dickens parallels has become a party game. The author came to the iuture Big Apple in 1842 and wrote in his American Notes of its gay crowds, its pies promenading on Broadway and its many paupers.

You can still find gatety in abundance, from such seasonal fixtures as the Radio City Music Hall to the thriving cabarets and iazz clubs of Greenwich Village. But the briefest sortic into the streets can turn up tableaux straight from Oliver Twist. As in the 19th century, the wretched and ragged are on almost every corner with begging cups in hand, often troubling the conveyances of the wealthy as they crawl through the traffic jams. The more entrepreneurial beggars use sales tools such as cassette players that play "Joy to the World" and other con-

n another throwback to harder times, a tuberculosis epidemic appeared this season among the well-to-do, after apparently breeding among the thousands of vagrants who sleep in door-ways, subway stations and in cardboard boxes. If you get to the office early enough you witness one of the city's more curious new rituals. Janutors at the sleekest skyscraners start their day rousing the homeless from their boxes before hosing down the pavement. This season, some have been handing out doughnuts and

coffee on their rounds. Further out, charity workers have been trying to bring festive cheer to the so-called "mole people". These are whole villages of down-and-outs who never surface from the disused railway tunnels of Manhattan. And if Dickens had strolled the seasonal streets of 1990, he would probably have wiped away a tear on hearing the strains of the Children of Homicide Victims Choir.

It is always difficult to distinguish reality from the myth in New York, given the city's theatrical sense of itself, Many paradoxes are at work. New York remains, for example, the only American metropolis with a living city soul. When crime and decay became too much in Detroit, Miami or Los Angeles, in the Sixties and Seventies, the middle classes moved to the suburbs. There has been some flight from the five boroughs of New York, but as Christmas approached a defiant spirit asserted itself. As in wartime, people in the media, entertainment and financial worlds have undertaken a campaign to raise morale.

According to the consensus York is far from mortally wounded. New York has been here before, many insist, and each time has managed to save itself, usually by assimilating a new flood of immigrants. In the past, the arrivals were Irish and Central and East Europeans. Now the city is absorbing its biggest influx of foreigners since before the first world war, most of them from India, Latin America and Asia. The mix, called a "gorgeous mosaic" by Mayor Dinkins, is often an explosive one, and it adds to the rough edges. There are times, for example, when it is hard to find a taxi driver or shop assistant who speaks any English. But as long as all these people are clamouring to come, say the optimists, all will be well.

Things have not really changed much since Dickens excused the town's raw side. "It must not be forgotten," he wrote in 1842, "that New York is a large town and that in all large towns a vast amount of good and evil is intermixed and jumbled up together."

Tomorrow Mary Dejevsky reports on Christmas in Moscow.

A woman without honour

T aving missed out on Mrs Thatcher's resignation bonours list, what odds on Shirley Williams, that earlier leading lady of British politics, appearing in the New Year list? It is generally accepted that former cabinet ministers such as Mrs Williams can have a life peerage almost on request. The former education secretary has recently allowed that she would not be wholly averse to "making a contribution in the Upper House". That, many believe, is about as strong a hint as a would-be peeress can decently give.

Mrs Thatcher dismissed out of hand any notion that she could propose someone such as Mrs Williams, who had made an appearance on the Grunwick picket line. In any case, the convention is that an ex-minister should be proposed by the leader of the party in whose cause he or she gave cabinet service. In Mrs Williams's case that means Neil Kinnock. But the Labour leader has laid down stern conditions for nomination of his former colleague, who left Labour in 1981 to found the SDP. They can be broadly summed up as "over my dead body". That leaves Paddy Ashdown to plead her cause. But there are

difficulties here, too. The Liberal

Democrat leader complains con-

stantly about the paltry number of

nominations he is allowed and his

need for more working peers. Mrs Williams, who is now married to the Harvard political scientist, Richard Neustadt, has, despite her continued appearances on Question Time and Any Questions? at least half-emigrated. How can Ashdown press for the appointment to the legislature of someone normally resident for months on end in another country?

Friends say that Mrs Williams would be willing to spend more time here "if she was given good reason to". Whether such an argument has convinced, or whether she will be left ready for the ceremony but without a best man prepared to give her away, we

• The London Borough of Sutton is proud of its record on environ-. mental matters and recently advertised for a "cycling officer" as one of the many council green initiatives". There was no shortage of applicants, given the attractive inducements: a contributory leased car scheme and car loan facility,

One of the phew

eter Cushing will come out of returement tomorrow to save a radio tribute to Lord Dowding, the Battle of Britain hero. Only days before Saturday's broadcast of the play Human Conflict. Radio Kem found itself short of two actors. Cushing, who lives in Kent, was approached to play a second world war pilot obsessed with restoring the reputation of Dowding, the com-mander-in-chief of Fighter Com-

mand. At the same time, Alan Dobie, veteran of 120 television dramas, agreed to take the part of Dowding, last portrayed by Olivier in the film Battle of Britain. The broadcast will be Cushing's

first role for some years, although it seems he took little persuading. 'I looked forward to taking part in such a moving tribute to a much maligned man to whom so much is owed," he says.

Michael Bath, the producer, says: "Both are working for virtually nothing. They are doing it out of respect for Dowding. The play portrays him as one of the great men of the 20th century, the man who won the Battle of Britain."

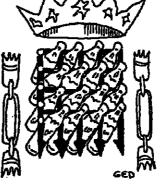
Booth boom

7 hile most High Street stores are pinning their hopes on the January sales making up for the disastrous Christmas, at least one retail outlet in London seems to have broken its sales record. The son-

Commons is still counting the takings after the Christmas spending spree, but last year's figure of an average of £20,000 a day throughout December has almost certainly been surpassed. Both John Major and Mrs Thatcher were among the customers this year, and extra staff were taken on to deal with the rush.

An estimated 24,000 bottles of whisky, each marked with the House of Commons portcullis, passed over the counter during the month. Christmas crackers, introduced for the first time at a cost

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of £15 a box, were also bestsellers. Sir Charles Irving, chairman of the Commons catering committee. says: "We even had ministers queuing this year for presents. It was bedlam every day and 1 anticipate we have broken our own record. The recession in the High Street has still not caught up with the Palace of Westminster."

Sabbath slippage

here will be spluttering over ecclesiastical breakfast tables this morning with the arrival of the latest Catholic Herald, which contains a trenchant leader headlined: "The case for Sunday trading". Of John Major's suggestion last week that the law should be reviewed. Peter Stanford, the editor, writes: "The debate must not be allowed to centre on the view of the Sabbath held by a vociferous minority who would prefer to turn the clock back to a pre-consumer age, now gone

Those who might be the target for the Herald's strictures responded yesterday more in sorrow than in anger. Ken Hargreaves, the Conservative MP and leading supporter of the Keep Sunday Special campaign, said: "It is bound to cause a rumpus. The vociferous minority presumably includes the Catholic Church, I am astonished." Liberal Demoerat member David Alton, another prominent Catholic, said: "If they're arguing there should be a free-for-all I would strongly disagree with them."

But the Herald has one compelling argument up its sleeve, for it seems that the church itself is not averse to earning an honest penny on the Sabbath. The gift shop in Westminster Cathedral is open for business on Sundays," points out the Herald. "Can it be said that a shop inside a church is permissible, when to buy dried flowers in the streets outside is not?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HALF WAY TO WAR

The seven-week "pause of good will" granted to Iraq by the United Nations Security Council on November 30 is more than half spent. But there is as yet no sign of any decision by Saddam Hussein to pull out of Kuwait. The UN's goodwill gesture has been accompanied by President Bush's proposal of direct talks to convince Saddam of the certainty of war unless he withdraws unconditionally by January 15. So far, Saddam has treated both the pause and the offer contemptuously.

The release of foreign hostages, however easing to their families' hearts, was politically significant only in the context of his game plan, which is to weaken public resolve in the West. He seems to expect that those who, in Mr Bush's words, are ready to "go the extra mile" for peace will go all the way to appeasement. He still insists that Kuwait is an integral part of Iraq. To show the Arab world that he can dictate to a superpower, he has rejected 15 proposed dates for the arrival of the American secretary of state, James Baker, in Baghdad.

But for all his prevarication Saddam above all needs to keep his military machine intact. The conclusion must be that he still hopes to break the international alliance and hang on to Kuwait without war. He is unlikely to be gambling on winning a war. His recent conference of ambassadors should have reinforced the voices from within his own ranks who warn that such a war would probably be lost, and with it Saddam's own position.

The West would be foolish to assume that its enemy is wholly stupid, or wholly lacking in opportunism. To be sure, Saddam must be made to understand three things: that he went a step far too far in invading Kuwait and must withdraw; that he has an American president who simply cannot march his troops back down this particular hill, having so laboriously marched them to its top; and that he cannot strut the Middle East stage having "tabled" the Palestine issue on the strength of his Kuwaiti invasion.

He must, in other words, be denied anything which gives him immediate profit from his adventure. But the basis on which he is induced to retreat can still be a matter for sensible debate. Hence the subterranean talks taking place among American, Arab and Russian intermediaries. Hence the importance of distinguishing a negotiated retreat, which does not surrender the essence of the conflict, from a retreat made only after the spilling of much blood.

A future for the Palestinians, however desirable in itself, cannot be negotiable within the context of the Kuwaiti invasion. Saddam has no seat at that table. The world was not waiting to be persuaded by him that the Palestinian Israeli confrontation must be settled and he has nothing to add to the prospects for an agreed peace there. In the Gulf itself, however, he can be told what the result would be if he did withdraw completely from Kuwait: for instance that his old dispute with Kuwait concerning oil wells, islands and borders was still for negotiation between himself, a restored Kuwaiti government and perhaps other Arab neighbours.

The UN and with it the structure of international law exists not to leave threats to peace unresolved and festering, but to find solutions by peaceful means. A restored Kuwaiti government would have to accept whatever solutions might be reached by these international disputes procedures. These might include long-term leases for Gulf islands and arbitration by the International Court on wells and borders, a notoriously complex issue in the Middle East where oilfields often cross borders. The solutions might also include arbitration on Kuwaiti claims for reparations for Iraqi damage, and even longer term negotiations on security and arms deployment, by the West, the Arab allies and Iraq itself. Iraq has proved itself a threat to peace in the entire region; the threat will not be removed until Saddam's ambitions have been tamed.

There is plenty here into which diplomacy can still sink its teeth if, as is likely, Saddam becomes more aware of the military risks in the new year. None of this represents any weakening on the fundamental point of principle. The message Saddam has to hear is that there is an alternative to war -- an alternative constructive both for Iraq and for the region. But this requires him to accept the immediate restoration of Kuwait as an independent state. Only the certainty of war if he refuses can bring home to him the need for peaceful alternatives.

SHOPKEEPERS' RECESSION

As Boxing Day follows Christmas, so the January sales follow Boxing Day. A sure sign of the state of the economy is the distance: that these sales intrude upon December. A round-up of 80 major stores and chains shows that nearly two-thirds began their socalled new year sales well before the end of December. The Chancellor need look no further for his recession.

Equally strange is the spectacle of customers buying goods before Christmas which are then slashed in price only two days after full-price presents have been exchanged. Clearly, the economic principles of the free market clash with the unbreakable custom of giving in the appropriate season, regardless of cost.

This year's winter sales also see the disappearance of another piece of tradition. From Monday, the old 5p coin ceases to be legal tender, replaced by the smaller new 5p piece. With the passing of the original com goes the last vestiges of the old shilling.

Some traditions die harder. Harrods commendably refuses to start its sale, the Ascot of January bargain-hunters, until a week today. But not many stores in our high streets can rely on being kept warm by the disposable income from the well-heeled customers and tourists who are still attracted to Britain's flagship retailer. For most, Christmas has been a hard, dry season in

which the cold wind of recession has sometimes been the only thing stirring. Hard-pressed shopkeepers have found the recession is biting, and biting deep.

Many retailers are still reeling from the impact of the commercial poll tax, the uniform business rate. Since a high proportion of annual retail sales are in the period immediately before Christmas, a poor season now will contribute to what is likely to be a considerable crop of retail failures in the new year.

The government believes that these difficulties are the medicine, albeit bitter, that Britain needs to swallow if inflation is to be reduced. John Major earlier this year summed up the government's counterinflationary policy by insisting that if "it wasn't hurting, it wasn't working."

Britain's high street shops are hurting now, and the rash of early sales an entirely understandable attempt on their part to alleviate the anguish. Their cries should not be left unheeded. The high interest rates which are hurting them are not the only policy option open to the government. Britain entered the exchange-rate mechanism at too high a level. The government should be taking action to put that mistake right, enabling it to begin to relax interest rates. That would help Britain's beleaguered high streets and help to restore the economy.

CHAMPIONING CHESS

When his fifth match against Anatoly Karpov ends next week, the world chess championship will belong to Gary Kasparov for another three years. Karpov was forced to concede a draw (the 16th) in the 22nd game, so permitting his opponent to retain his title with two games to spare. Though Karpov had some bad luck, Kasparov was clearly the stronger player. But the time has now come for some movement in the rules by which these competitions are conducted.

Until a new challenger emerges in 1993 the champion, who will share a \$3 million purse with Karpov, has no obligations. He may devote himself to Soviet politics or to business. He may risk meeting younger rivals in tournaments. If he chooses he may, like Bobby Fischer, never play again.

Such freedom is a reminder of the days when the championship was the personal property of the champion, who defended it against opponents of his own choosing. Steinitz, who invented the title a century ago, owned it until Lasker defeated him. So did their successors down to Alekhine, after whose death in 1946 the title briefly lapsed. Only then did Fide, the world chess

federation, collectivise the title and devise its own rules. All the subsequent champions and challengers until 1972 were Soviet, and they dared not dispute the rules. Nor did commercial sponsors, since all championship matches were played in Moscow, where spectators and the media obeyed.

Bobby Fischer during his brief reign revived interest in chess in the West, improving prizes and conditions for his peers as he did so. In 1975 he forfeited the title to his Soviet challenger, Karpov, rather than defend it under Fidé rules. But the Kasparov era dawned in 1984-5. The new champion set about cutting Fide down to size by leading a breakaway group of top professionals, the grandmasters' association.

So dependent is Fide on these two dominant masters that the two can, in effect, veto changes in the rules for title matches.

Yet chess at the highest level must be made more interesting for spectators and rewarding for sponsors. The New York series failed to attract the big American television networks. The system of timeouts, whereby each player can postpone up to three games for a few days at short notice, plays havoc with broadcasting schedules and is frustrating for spectators. Intended to allow for sickness, time-outs are routinely taken to recover from a severe defeat. If the length of a 24-game match demands such rests, they should be scheduled ones.

The most serious defect of the present rules, however, is the 40-move session. Many games in this match did not diverse from their established "book" openings until somewhere between the 15th and the 20th moves. Often the game is adjourned after 40 moves, after which the continuation is analysed exhaustively with the help of the players' "seconds", who are chess masters themselves, and even computers. When the game is resumed a day later, its result is often a foregone conclusion. Yet the great majority of games could be finished in the 60-move sessions which are now customary in tournament chess and in qualifying matches for the championship. Fewer adjournments should mean more creative chess and more decisive games.

As his games in New York and especially in Lyons have proved, Kasparov is a true master of the game. But his reassertion of the champion's prerogative ought not to detract from the quality of matches for the world title. No other game allows its champion such infrequent defences of his title. The public is entitled to expect world championship matches to be more entertaining.

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From General Sir John Hackett Sir, Public debate on the crisis in the Middle East, unhappily disfigured by not a little scatterbrained ranting, has never taken enough account of the central problem, which is the

position, power and purpose of Saddam Hussein himself. His clear aim is overlordship of the Arab world, based on the obliteration of Israel, strengthened by a stranglehold on 40 per cent of the industrial world's oil resources. Israel has long had nuclear weapons and will not hesitate to use them if

driven to it. Saddam Hussein has for some time had nuclear weapons in preparation, and those of us who have given warning of this danger have been dismayed to learn how close it is.

The outbreak of nuclear warfare in the Middle East could only cause unthinkable and widely-spread calamity. It can hardly fail to happen if Saddam Hussein is left in power. He

world peace, and even perhaps of human survival, be got rid of, but Only his own people can pull him down. To suppose that sanctions can destroy him, or even thwart his purpose, is infantile. Iraq, at present enjoying the fruits of an unusually J. W. HACKETT. good harvest, can feed itself indefi-

Getting rid of Saddam the priority embargo would never be critical within the predictable lifetime of the coalition.
What then can bring him down?

Only his army. He has purged it ruthlessly at all levels and removed, and even executed, officers in great numbers. For the present he can rely upon it. Would he still be able to after a major military setback?

The Iraqi army could easily turn on Saddam Hussein if made to see the abyss into which he would be leading them in full-scale warfare against the West. The longer this is delayed the better President Saddam's hope of showing greater endurance than that of the coalition now arrayed against him. If his army turns against him and destroys him the probability of a successor with sufficient hardihood to try again along the same lines will be remote.

Only when he is gone, which must be soon, will present talk of political solutions, conferences, diplomacy, compromise, negotiations - all idle must therefore, in the interests of and even dangerous chatter today -have any real meaning. We may then, in a more stable world, even get round to having another look at UN Resolution 242 on the occupation of Arab territory by Israel. Yours faithfully,

Coberley Mill, nitely and the shortages imposed by Nr Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

and Muscat. The vast majority live

in or near their vehicles, tanks,

If the Allied effort to counter this

menace is forced into military

action by Saddam Hussein's in-

transigence, it must complete its task before the summer and it must

have the support of all our parties,

our people and the churches. Is there

any difference between a dictator

invading British lands and those of

aircraft or ships.

the Kuwaitis?

Time running out to rescue Kuwait From Commander C. F. B. craft and ships suffer increasing failure rates and humans cannot

Hamilton, RN Sir, As a Christian society we must compete with the climate for more than a few hours at a time. In all dread the use of force to dislodge particular, the ever-present require-ment to wear chemical and biologi-Saddam Hussein and to negate his ability to threaten his neighbours. cal protection will very severely Arab or Jew, with nuclear, chemical exacerbate the problems of desert or biological weapons. The recent warfare. call by our two archbishops is both admirable and timely. Clearly all Not all our servicemen and women live in the luxury of five-star attempts to solve this crisis must be and are being exhausted: accommodation in Riyadh, Bahrain

Nevertheless, in extremis the Christian ethic must condone and support the use of force in pursuit of moral right, as it did in two world wars. What we must all appreciate fully is that the time for these attempts is running out.

Having suffered the awfniness of August and September in the Middle East our servicemen and their allies are presently enjoying beautiful weather, but in three months will again start to suffer severe hard-

In the climate of April and beyond military life becomes tenuous. Engines overheat, radios and computer-driven equipments fail, air-puter-driven equipments fail, air-

Businesslike speech

From Mr Robin Kempster Sir. There seems to be an urgent need for someone to compile a new dictionary of "business speak".

If I "diarise" my appointments properly I can go to meetings where my views no longer influence de-cisions; they "inform" them or impact" upon them. If I want to raise an issue for a future meeting. I have to "flag it up". I cannot go back to an earlier agenda item; I must "re-

Loss-making components of a business have become "negative contributions" to the balance sheet, and over-spends on budget form "unfavourable variances" in the monthly accounts. Businesses cannot be allowed to expand - one has. to "grow the organisation". I can no longer discuss such matters with my personnel officer because he may be away somewhere doing "human resources management".

What about a plastic cup of British Rail tea for the homeward journey? The buffet-car steward has now turned into my "on-board

Yours faithfully. ROBIN KEMPSTER, 1 Vine Court, Clifton, Brighouse, West Yorkshire. December 24.

TV translations

From Mr Brian P. Swift

Sir, Television news and current affairs programmes include, increasingly so, interviews with foreign politicians and others where the interviewee speaks in his own language, only to be faded out after a few words with a voice-over translation in English.

I find this annoying. Why cannot the media leave the original and subtitle a translation? My schoolboy French and German are yearning for opportunities to be of use and, as we all know, it is not necessarily what you say, but the way that you say it. Yours truly. B. P. SWIFT.

Oak Meadows, St Leonard's Hill, Windsor, Berkshire.

British shipping From Mr John Newman

Sir, David Lipsey's attempt ("Save our ships — at a price", December 19) to portray British shipping as a sunset industry, unworthy of the limited fiscal help he predicts in Norman Lamont's first Budget, is both unfair and untited. both unfair and untrue.

Why should it matter, he asks, whether the 95 per cent (by quantity) of British trade carried by ships goes on foreign or British vessels? One very good reason, at a time when the British balance of payments figures face increasing pres-sure, is the fact that British shipping is the third largest earner of "invisibles", with a contribution last year of more than £4 billion outranked by only insurance and

tourism.

It also matters because our fleet, according to international marine

Reasons for recession From Mr David Edwards

Sir, You castigated Mr Lamont (leading article, December 14) for his first stonewalling speech which offers no hope to industry and no sign that the government has understood the lessons of the past five

The root of the present serious recession is that the government, while claiming that reducing inflation was its priority, by its actions first initiated and then reinforced inflation.

On the cost-push side the govern-ment's housing policy included a restrictive planning regime which ensured the inexorable rise of the price of housing land, while interest rate policy led to many newcomers to house ownership facing a 50 per cent rise in morteate navments from one year to the next.

In 1989 came the community charge and a steep rise in the cost of local services for all except the occupiers of big houses.

Now the effect of two years of high interest rates has led industry to

Patient care From Mr Frederick W. Heatley

Sir, Reports of patients with emer-gencies left lying for hours on trolleys in accident and emergency departments whilst awaiting a hosnital bed are now commonplace in London hospitals. Your report on King's College Hospital (December 14, later editions) refers to a threat of disciplinary action against doc-tors there who admit urgent as opposed to emergency patients.

They are guilty only of endeavouring to carry out the job for which they were actually appointed, such as investigating patients for cancer, treating people with liver failure, trying to preserve an elderly person's independence by replacing their hip, or performing vascular surgery in time to prevent amputa-

Matters are, if anything, worse here at St Thomas' Hospital. Not only are 180 beds shut and patients

insurance records, remains one of the safest in the world. Placing

increasing amounts of potentially devastating cargoes like oil and

chemicals in frequently sub-standard foreign competition is a form of environmental Russian roulette. If we allow our national fleet to disappear, we also risk losing the related marine service industries such as shipbroking, insurance and classification which, thanks to London's present leading role in

such fields, contribute a further £1 billion to the balance of payments. The fact that two-thirds of world shipping receives substantial state support suggests that other nations know the long-term value of short-

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belt and high interest rates has made

From Mr C. John Naylor Sir, As your editorial (December 19) rightly points out, "homelessness has many social, economic and even

psychological causes". This is why, welcome as the newly-announced government initiative on homelessness must be (report, December 19), it is essential that some of the underlying causes are also tackled. Certainly, as you stated, not all the causes can be laid at the government's door, but one

certainly can. Homelessness and unemployment are almost invariably intertwined and the recent reduction in expenditure on training has, withou question, contributed to this situa-

The government is clearly right to seek value for money and to give priority to employer-based schemes. But young people with special needs
- including those who have been in trouble with the law, have little education or who are disabled - cost more to train and will seldom be taken on by private-sector companies on government-funded schemes. It is these young people who, without training and support, are most at risk of becoming

This is why the voluntary sector has concentrated on providing training for these young people those who no one else will help.

Few can disagree with the need, yet government policy is forcing the voluntary sector to cut back or stop its work in this area. The YMCA, for example, which has helped train more than 20,000 disadvantaged young people, has been forced to close three centres with the loss of 60 skilled staff and a direct cost to the charity of £200,000.

Let us also acknowledge that reductions in training budgets must be restored if one of the main causes of the tragedy of homelessness is to addressed.

Yours sincerely C. JOHN NAYLOR (National Secretary), National Council of YMCAs, 640 Forest Road, E17. December 20.

From Mr Robin Jenks Sir, The bishops are right (report, December 12) to urge the government to do something about homelessness. But they are mistaken if they think that cheap rented accommodation can be made available quickly. A combination of mortgage interest relief, the green

postpone the investments which

could lead to greater efficiency and

The effect of all these reactions

was ratcheted up by decisions on the

demand side. Monetary targets were abandoned in 1985-6. While ruling

out credit controls, Government

The announcement in March

1988 of the decision to withdraw

multiple mortgage interest relief in September 1988 was an egregious

error, boosting an already over-

heated housing market which, as the industry predicted, collapsed that

September and has not yet begun to

On top of all this the government

has joined the ERM at the wrong

time for the wrong reason and at too high an exchange rate. This Conser-vative voter, for one, despairs in

contemplation of such ineptitude.

One colleague attempted to see an

extra emergency case in his clinic,

only to find a bureaucrat trying to

"delete" another patient aiready

New patients due to attend my

own clinic have had their appointments cancelled even though they

have already waited for six months,

and local general practitioners have

been denied access to other clinics.

19) that the Treasury has put up more money for the NHS. One can only hope this will be used for

patient care and not to buy comput-

ers and accountants or to prop up

the new medical and surgical direc-

term aid. Neither the British ship-

owners nor the seafaring unions are asking for subsidy. We simply believe there is a solid case for a flexible fiscal regime to give our fleet

some sort of chance to compete in

Nothing has changed to diminish

the sea's present or future influence

upon our nation's prosperity and

well-being and our shipping in-dustry remains, in the words of a

recent government report, "a vital

The National Union of Marine

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It is good news (report, December

therefore lower prices.

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Yours faithfully,

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Aviation and Shipping

DAVID EDWARDS.

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In search of cure for homelessness

this impractical.

Yet the government could do something at once to house the homeless. Various of its agencies own a huge number of well maintained but empty buildings where the people with nowhere to live could be housed. The Ministry of Defence and the health authorities are two that immediately spring to mind. The South London Hospital, empty for six years, could accom-modate most of London's homeless. Yours faithfully. ROBIN JENKŚ

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From Mr Gordon M. L. Smith Sir, I must protest at the unfairness of the Catholic bishops' attack on the government over the homeless in London. More than 100,000 young people nationally are accommodated free with bed and breakfast every night, but there will always be some in cardboard boxes for the TV cameras at Waterioo.

The main cause is the great increase in divorce, and the breakup of families, where two or more homes are needed instead of one. Political propaganda has misled thousands of young people to leave their homes in the north and pour into London, hoping for immediate highly paid jobs. The problem can-not be solved simply by legislation.

Yours faithfully, GORDON M. L. SMITH, 9 Greenfield Way, West Sussex

December 14. From Mrs Mariota Fuller Sir, A large percentage of the homeless would not have become homeless in a previous generation. By and large, children stayed in the parental house until such time as

they were employed and accom-modated elsewhere, or got married. Teenagers did not expect indepen-dent shelter as of right, despite the fact that housing was generally of a far lower standard and conditions in large families cramped to a degree.

I wish the church would address itself to some of the moral issues involved and be less political in its thinking. That can safely be left to the politicians. Yours faithfully, MARIOTA FULLER

Becky's Orchard, Hyde, Nr Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Conservative gurus From Mrs Elizabeth Young

Sir, it is hard to see how Michael Oakeshott might merit your leader-writer's description (December 21) as a "pragmatic Thatcherite". If Thatcherism needs a reputably intellectual guru, it has one in Havek (who wrote to you, however, to repudiate the allegiance).

Mrs Thatcher only too clearly indeed explicitly — rejected Oake-short's view of society as a "civil association held together by the rule of law and by the habits, traditions and loyalties inherited from the nation's past" (to use your obituarist's neat, and accurate, summary).

Yours etc ELIZABETH YOUNG, 100 Bayswater Road, W2. December 23.

Food for thought

From Mrs Diana May Sir, A name for informal luncheon (Mr de Wilton, December 21)? Brunch"? Or "drinks and nibbles"? Yesterday I responded to an invitation to a "light hunch" in a private house to find the excellent languish on trolleys but outpatient clinics have been heavily reduced, food - we grazed on the hoof as we

talked - was served by a butler and

three uniformed maids. Yours, DIANA MAY, 265 Swakeleys Road, Ickenham, Middlesex.

December 21.

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From Mrs S. M. Porter Sir, I have found an American phrase, "heavy hors d'ocuvies", covers the occasion. Yours faithfully SANDRA M. PORTER. 65 Ancastie Green. Henley on Thames,

From Mr John Macdonell Sir, In the old days Mr de Wilton could have invited his friends to "tiffin", a word well known to old India bands and defined in the Shorter OED as "a light midday

Yours etc JOHN MACDONNELL, Hythe, Kent.

From Mr Kenneth Bird Sir, I recently gave a Sunday lunch-time party. My guests were invited to "drinks and mega small chow" and none was disappointed. Yours faithfully KENNETH BIRD.

4 Cowdrey Road, Wimbledon, SW19. From Mrs Sandra Lewin Sir, If Mr de Wilton would allow me

Northwood, Middlesex.

the opportunity to sample one of his occasional Sunday delights, I am sure I would be able to find the best way to word his invitations. Yours faithfully, SANDRA LEWIN, Blue Cedars, Bourne End Road,

SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss M-J. Maurice

Mr C.P. Gibbs and Miss N.J. Stubbs

Mauritius, between Mr Bryan Thomas William Davis, of

Lewisham, London, and Miss

Mary-Joyce Maurice, of Mauritius.

The engagement is announced between Christopher Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.

Gibbs, of Adel, Leeds, and

Mr N.W. Baxter and Miss A.E. Conine

The engagement is announced The marriage will take place between Nicholas, elder son of on December 29, in Cassis, Mr and Mrs D.H.W. Baxier, of Mauritius, between Mr Bryan Pattingham, Staffordshire, and Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E.S. Conine, of Omaha, Nebraska, The marriage will take place on July 20, 1991, in the United States.

Mr C.J. Byrom and Miss J.V. Fletcher

The engagement is announced between Christopher John, elder son of Mrs Margaret Byrom, Yew Tree Court, Grange-over-sands, and Jennifer Vivien, daughter of the late Mr P.W.S. Fletcher and of Mrs A.O. Blackett, Broomhill, Dornoch,

Mr W.B.H. Dalrymple and Miss O.M.J. Fraser
The engagement is announced between William, son of Sir between William, son or sur Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple, Bt, and Lady Anne-Louise Hamilton-Dalrymple, of North Berwick, and Olivia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Fraser, of Holland Park, London.

Birthdays today

Mr Terry Butcher, footballer, 32; Mr W.A. Camps, former master, Pembroke College, Cambridge, 80, Mr H.D.B. Carr, cricketer, 64; Sir Andrew Mait-land-Makgill-Crichton, former 79: Mr Nigel Kennedy, violinist, 34: Lieutenant-General Sir George Lea. 78; Mrs Frances Morrell, former leader, ILEA, 53; Sir Patrick O'Connor, for-mer Lord Justice of Appeal, 76; Mr Simon Raven, author and dramatist, 63; Professor E.J. Richards, aeronautical engineer 76; Mrs Joan Ruddock, MP, 47; Lord Salmon, 87; Dame Maggie Lord Salmou, 87; Dame Maggie Smith, actress, 56; the Right Rev W.J. Westwood, Bishop of Peterborough, 65; the Hon Geoffrey Wilson, chairman, Delta Group, 61; the Marquess of Zetland, 53.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mrs Richard Warburton is to be Assistant Private Secretary to Prince Edward, from January 1.

Mr Peter John Cresswell, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Queen's Bench Division.

Sir James Easton

A memorial service for Air Commodore Sir James ("Jack") Easton will be held at the RAF Central Church, St Clement Danes. Strand. London, WC2. on Friday, January 4, 1991, at **OBITUARIES**

LT-GENERAL SIR GEORGE LEA

KCB, DSO, MBE, who died yesterday at the age of 77, was director of operations in Borneo in the latter half of the confrontation with Indonesia in the mid-1960s. He was born on December 28, 1912.

GEORGE Lea was a soldier's general, whose service was almost entirely with airborne and counter-terrorist forces. Level and clear headed, a good tactician and a charming man, he was a popular and successful commander, who was at his best in the jungles of Malaya and Borneo in which he spent much of the latter half of his military

Nicola Jayne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Stubbs, of He was educated at Charterhouse and Sandhurst before being commissioned into the Lancashire Fusiliers in 1933, serving in Shanghai, Tiensin, and Quetta with the 1st Battalion in the pre-war years. He was its adjutant from 1940 up to the time he volunteered for parachute training in

> officers serving in India to join the early airborne forces in October that year. He was first adjutant, then company commander and second-incommand of 151st Indian Parachute Battalion (later re-numbered 156th), and served with it in Egypt, Palestine, Tunisia and later Italy as part of Brigadier 'Shan' Hackett's 4th Parachute Brigade. In October 1943, he became Shan's brigade major during 1st Airborne Division's advance northwards from Taranto in Montgomery's offensive up the east coast of Italy towards the

He returned with 4th Parachute Brigade to England that winter in preparation for possible operations in Normandy, and in July 1944 was promoted to command of 11th Parachute Battalion in Hackett's brigade, which was destined not to land

Lieutenant-General Sir George Lea, in Normandy but to take part in command that the regiment, which that his considerable losses in the Battle of Arnhem in September.

Les dropped with his battalion on the second day (18th), landing some eight miles west of Arnhem, and was ordered to march stringht for the bridge to reinforce or fight his way through to Johnny Frost's 2nd Parachute Battalion, which was known to be holding its northern end. Roy Urquhart, 1st Airborne Division's commander, was missing and the attack towards the bridge became a shambles with Lea's men becoming entangled with the Staffords and the remnants of 1st and 3rd Parachute battalions in the narrow built-up area three-quarter of a mile short of the

A furious SS panzer counter-attack caught Lea's battalion and overran it as it was preparing to withdraw on orders from divisional headquarters. Lea was wounded and captured. Although he was in no way respon-sible for the disaster, he always blamed himself for his battalion's heavy losses. No one else lost confidence in him as was shown by his

subsequent career. After the war ended in Europe, he went back to India with 44th Airborne Division as its GSO 1, and then commanded 15th Parachute Battalion in Karachi during the turmoil of the partition of India. Returning home, he took command of the 12th (TA) Parachute Battalion, and in the early 1950s he had a spell on the staff of 3rd Commando Brigade in the Mediterranean, and as an AQMG at

George Lea began to make his name in the Army when he was appointed to command the 22nd SAS Regiment in Malaya in 1955, which had been reraised by Mike Calvert as the Malayan Scouts in 1951 to fight the Chinese communist terrorist gangs in the jungle. It was during Lea's two years

embraced Rhodesians, New Zealanders. Fijians and members of the Parachute Regiment, did some of its finest deep penetration work in jungle operations. Lea with his quiet style of leadership, honesty of purpose and ability to weld strong-minded men

into a first class fighting team, set the standards for the SAS in the post-war army from which it has never faltered. Promoted brigadier in 1958, he commanded 2nd Infantry Brigade at Plymouth for two years; spent another two as deputy military secretary; and as a major-general was successively GOC North West District at Preston

in 1962 and GOC Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1963 before succeeding the legendary Gurkha commander, General Walter Walker, as director of operations in Borneo in February 1965. In Borneo, he was back in the jungle environment that he knew so well. He

took over at a time when two significant changes were occurring. In the first place, the Indonesians were giving up guerrilia infiltration tactics favour of more conventional attacks on British border posts, using increasing numbers of regular troops. He defeated these attacks with sound orthodox defensive methods, but his real triumphs came in his offensive exploitation of the second change. Before handing over to George Lea, Walter Walker had won the agreement of the British government to risk carrying out highly secret, un-attributable cross-border operations under the code-name "Claret". Using his experience with 22nd SAS in Malaya, Lea developed the techniques needed for these un-attributable operations, making them an outstanding success. His "Claret" raids grew in boldness and strength, and remained secret because Sukarno was not prepared to admit in public were occurring inside Indonesian

Walter Walker had laid the foundations for victory in Borneo; George Lea fought the campaign to its successful conclusion. Lea may have been less flamboyant than the skilled, dogmatic and irascible Walker, but he ran "a much happier ship". He achieved victory through his quiet. determined, and always friendly methods, which were admired and gave confidence at all levels in his tri-service force, and in the police and civil administration as

With the Indonesian Confrontation defeated, George Lea was knighted and promoted Lieutenant-General. His last appointment in the Army was as head of the British Defence Staff in Washington in 1967. With the Vietnam War at its height at that time, his experiences in anti-communist terrorist operations in both Malaya and Borneo were of inestimable value. His charm and appearance was every-thing the Americans expected of a true British officer and

After he retired from the Army in 1970 he became lieutenant of the Tower of London, 1972-5, and started a new career in the investment world, eventually becoming chairman of the Eagle Star Trust in the Channel Islands in 1983. He kept in the closest touch with the Lancashire Fusiliers as their colonel, and subsequently as colonel of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, into which they were

amaleamated. In 1948, he married Pamela Eliza-beth Lovett-Tayleur, who gave him unstinting support and encouragement throughout his career. They had one son and two daughters. His family survives him. His younger brother is His Honour Judge Christopher

MIKE MAZURKI

Mike Mazurki, American character actor in Hollywood films, has died in Los Angeles aged 80. He was born in the Ukraine in 1909.

MIKE Mazurki was originally a college football player and professional wrestler who found his metier portraying menacing thugs or dull-witted giants in more than 80 adventure films and crime melodramas. The Glendale Adventist Medical Center said that the 6ft 5in actor had died of heart failure.

Mazurki was born Michael Mazurkiewicz in the Ukraine and came to the United States as a boy. He played football for Manhattan college in the



Bronx and turned to professional wrestling in the early 1930s. At that time it was considered as sport rather than stage drama. Years ago Mazurki disclosed that Mae West, whose father was a fighter, had been his benefactor. She found odd jobs at the studios for boxers and wrestlers in pre-war Los Angeles. Another version has him being discovered during a match in Los Angeles when a movie director thought that he would be a perfect type for a leading role in films. By then he had been involved in hundreds of wrestling matches, and his mashed face and cauliflower ears belied a gentle nature and an intelligence that had earned a college degree.

One of his most memorable performances, and the one for which he will probably be longest remembered, was in the 1945 film noir classic Murder My Sweet. In it he portrayed Moose Malloy, a sinister goon who had just been released from prison and hired detective Philip Marlowe (played by actor Dick Powell) to locate his old girlfriend Velma. The picture, re-made several times and also titled Farewell My Loyely. has been praised over the years for its faithfulness to the Raymond Chandler mystery

Mazurki's first featured role was in The Shanghai Gesture, a 1941 shocker in which Mazurki was cast as a Russian worker. Some of the other major films in which he appeared included Dick Tracey (1945), Some Like It Hot (1959). It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World (1063), and Requiem for a Gunfighter (1965). He is survived by his wife

Sylvia, and two daughters from a previous marriage.

Marriages

Mr L.M. Pulbrook

Mr S.L. Gordon-Duff and Mrs C.E.M. Craig The marriage took place quietly at St Anthony's Church, Oxford atst Anthonys Chirch, Oxford, on December 27, between Simon, eldest son of Colonel L.C. Gordon-Duff and Mrs Hersey Gordon-Duff, and Caroline, elder daughter of the late Colonel C.N. Howard and of Mrs Prunella Howard.

The bride was attended by Lady Mostyn. Mr Nicholas Craig was best man. Mr R.F.T. Jones and Miss K.M. Smoker The marriage took place on December 24, 1990, in Stroud, of Mr Richard F.T. Jones, of

Amberley, Gloucestershire, and Miss Kathleen M. Smoker, of Edgbaston, Birmingham.
The bride was attended by
Miss Paula Childs. Mr Michael A.B. Jones was best man.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th president of the USA 1913-21, Staunton, Virginia, 1856; Pio Baroja, novelist, San Sebastian, Spain, 1872; Sir Arthur Eddington, astronomer, Kendal, Cumbria.

DEATHS: Mary II, reigned with William III 1689-94, London, 1694; Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1st Baron Macaulay, poet, historian and statesman, London, 1859; George Gissing, novelist, Saint-Jean de Luz, France, 1903; Maurice Ravel, composer, Paris, 1937; Theo-dore Dreiser, novelist, Holly-wood, 1945; Jack Lovelock, surgeon, Olympic gold medallist 1936, killed in an accident, New York, 1949; Paul Hindernith,

The Royal College of General Practitioners

The following candidates passed the MRCGP examination — October-December 1990 (* denotes distinction): Number who took the exam:

608; number who passed: 443; pass rate: 72.9 per cent.

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and Miss C.J. Raworth
The engagement is announce between Lee, younger son of Mr and Mrs Lisle Pulbrook, of Melbourne, Australia, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr David Raworth, of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and Mrs Peter Ball, of Beare Green, He was one of the first British

JACK HARLEY

born in London on November 11, 1911.

JACK Harley was the world authority in mycorrhiza associations between roots sor of botany. In 1969 he and symbiotic fungi which are returned to Oxford as profesmore efficient at absorbing sor of forest science (and soil nutrients than roots alone. fellow of St John's College). When he began research this condition was regarded as university who hoped that he obscure and of little im- would preside over the disportance. He elucidated the solution of what was perphysiological basis of the ceived by them as an that it is of crucial importance nial days, with no place in a to the uptake of soil nutrients university like Oxford. But by virtually all green plants. they reckoned without his ings to agriculture and forestry perception of the importance are of immense importance to productivity in the future.

The son of a civil servant, Harley went from Leeds improved the science, fostered Grammar school to Wadham its international connections, College, Oxford, in 1930. helped Tom Tinsley's research After graduating he stayed on group burgeon into what is to do research and in 1939 he today the NERC Institute of became a departmental demonstrator in the department of

After the outbreak of war, he joined the Royal Signals,

John Laker ("Jack") Harley, ant-colonel, serving mainly in interests in the ecology of CBE, FRS, professor of forest the Far East. He returned to fungi and physiology of plants science, Oxford university, Oxford as a university democrame together in a glorious of agriculture in Oxford and in 1962 he became reader in plant nutrition.

He went to Sheffield university in 1965 to become profes-There were many in the

association and demonstrated anachronistic relic of the coloof forestry as an academic subject in its own right. He reinvigorated the department, Virology, and gave a dramatic fillip to the morale of the staff. would be no Oxford Forestry

Institute today. His early, separate pre-war

from 1969 to 1979, died on onstrator in botany. In 1958, postwar period with a series of December 13 aged 79. He was he moved to the department truly classic studies of the physiology of mycormiza. More than anyone else, he was responsible for elucidating the mechanism of nutrient uptake by the mycorrhizas of forest trees, and also emphasising the tremendous importance of these symbiotic associations in natural ecosystems. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1964.

To his pupils his most outstanding quality was as a teacher. He was a marvellous critic, superbly supportive when life was difficult, but devastating when dealing with pomposity and overconfidence.

Jack was blessed with a delightfully happy home and family life. He and his wife, Lindsay, poured out informal and affectionate hospitality to all and sundry. His son, Richard, is a physicist and his daughter, Sally, has inherited her father's reputation for her work in the field of my-Without his efforts, there corrhiza. Indeed, the book she wrote with him still stands as the best text in the field.

His family survive him.

Prince 'intervened to help family of missing pilot'

FIFTY years after his Spitfire Sergeant Pilot Ernest Scott will be buried with full military honours next month at Brookwood military cemetery in Surrey.

The belated ceremony comes about, Sgt Scott's relatives claim, because of the efforts of amateur aircraft archaeologists and the personal intervention of the Prince of Wales.

Ernest Scott joined the RAF at the age of 17 as a trainee pilot. On September 27, 1940, at the height of the Battle of Britain, he flew his final sortie with 222 Squadron from RAF Hornchurch.

He shot down a Messerschmitt 109. It was his seventh kill. Then, according to an eye witness, the jubilant young fighter pilot rashly went into a victory roll. He was still in mid-manocuvre when he was man fighters, and shot down by the JG52 of the German wing leader, Major Werner Molders.

Sgt Scott's Spitfire smashed into a cherry orchard at Hollingbourne, near Maidstone, Kent. He was just 22.

Despite the fact that an RAF recovery crew, No 49 from Felgate, reported the location of the crashed plane son was missing, presumed dead. In February, 1941, the family were told that it was had been brought down in the

About 15 years ago the was shot down over Kent, aircraft was located by members of the Historic Aircraft Archaeologists Group who excavate wartime wrecks. Though the group were not allowed to excavate the site. study of the wartime records convinced Malcolm Pettit, of Tonbridge, Kent. that the plane buried in the orchard was Sgt Scott's.

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Prompted by the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, Mr Pettit wrote to local newspapers seeking to trace Sgt Scott's surviving relatives. His letter was seen by Sgt Scott's younger brother, Albert Kent, now living in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, and his sister, Irene Hukin, of Maltby, near Rotherham, West Yorkshire.

Still the Ministry of Defence and the landowner of the site would not authorise excavaattacked from behind by Ger- tion. Mrs Hukin said: "We were desperate, so I wrote to Prince Charles asking for his

> Within days the ministry made arrangements for the wreck to be excavated and Sgt Scott's body, still strapped in the cockpit, was recovered. The body was positively identified from the pilots diary which had survived in a pocket of his uniform.

Sgt Scott's funeral is expected to take place late next month at Brookwood. Mr Pettit says he hopes it may be then believed that the plane possible to arrange a Spitfire flypast as part of the ceremony.

Pope's world peace day message Religious freedom a force for peace

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

INTOLERANCE is a serious threat to peace which can creep into every aspect of social life, the Pope has said. He called for urgent steps to ensure freedom of

In his message, published for the 24th world peace day on January 1, Pope John Paul II said the dangers of fundamentalism and imposing religious views on others can result in a "monolithic vision of civil and cultural life." Inter-religious cooperation, when undertaken in a spirit of trust, can make a real contribution to

peace, he said. The Pope urged religious freedom as a force for peace. He spoke of the need to strengthen juridical instruments capable of promoting freedom of conscience, and of the responsibility of heads of state to

World day of peace is celebrated by Roman Catholics worldwide on January I and by Catholics in England and Wales

on the fourth Sunday of the year, which this year is February 3. The Pope said people are increasingly concerned that freedom of conscience be recognised in practice and safeguarded

by law. "It is essential that the right to express one's own religious convictions publicly and in all domains of civil life be ensured if human beings are to live together in peace. He said: "The need to take concrete

steps towards ensuring full respect for freedom of conscience, both legally and in ordinary human relations, has become even more urgent in the light of the

events of last year." The Pope said there was an intimate relationship between freedom of conscience and religious freedom. The systematic denial of God and the establishment of a regime which incorporates this denial are directly opposed to freedom of conscience and religion.

"A serious threat to peace is posed by intolerance, which manifests itself in the denial of freedom of conscience to others. The excesses to which intolerance can lead has been one of history's most painful lessons." The Pope conceded that, despite the

firm teaching of the Roman Catholic church that no one ought to be compelled to believe, misunderstandings and conflicts have occurred between Christians and members of other religions.

Intolerance can result from the temptation to fundamentalism, to exclusion of others from civil society and can lead to forced conversions.

"It is urgently necessary at thi moment of history to strengthen juridical instruments capable of promoting freedom of conscience in the areas of political and social life."

Nile rock pinnacle is seen as emblem of royal power

By NORMAN HAMMOND ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

HIGH rock pinnacle overlooking the Nile was identified as an image of the sacred cobra, emblem of royal power, according to an American Egyptologist. The natural profile of the rock suggested the rearing head and hood of the snake, which was crowned with a sun disc, and which marked a place sacred to the great god Amun.

Sudan, lies far up the Nile in the ancient land of Kush. close to the city of Napata which was the capital of Egyptianised Nubia in the who has been directing incrane used along the Nile to eighth century BC. The town vestigations at Napata since raise buckets of water. Further

point flowing south-west be-

low the Fourth Cataract. The Egyptians identified the flat-topped mountain of Jebel Barkal as the southern dwell-Kushite kings briefly con-quered Egypt as the XXVth Dynasty in 724 BC, they too remained devoted to his cult. Napata was for a century a national rather than regional The site, at Jebel Barkal in capital, until the Kushite kings

"In certain light its resemcrossed the river itself, at this blance to a human figure, an Egyptian royal statue striding out from the mountain, is uncanny," he says in National Geographic. The resemblance that a sheet of gold had been closer to the profile of the symbolism of the phallic form had been part of local folklore fixed over the panel: facing ing of Amun, and when the since the 1820s, although the only carving was a panel of hieroglyphic text near the top, spotted through binoculars in

inspected. Accompanied mountaineer, Dr Kendall were driven upstream to climbed the pinnacle, finding Meroe in the sixth century BC. the mortice holes for timber Dr Timothy Kendall, of the scaffolding that had been used Boston Museum of Fine Arts, to support a shadoof, a simple

1941 but never closely

1450 BC to control the place pinnacle of rock projecting wooden platform had been where caravan routes cutting from the face of Jebel Barkal. erected over the top of the riumacle allowing sculptors to pinnacle, allowing sculptors to carve the panel and a niche to hold a life-sized statue at the top of the rock.

Tiny nail holes indicated Kendall believes it acted as a

north towards Egypt. base of the mountain, a rehef the vast unknown of Africa." shows the god Amun sitting Dr Kendall says. inside a curious flat-topped pavilion with a sloping front; ancients "must have rec-

pavilion, and she and Dr king". He believes that A similar relief occurs at Taharua, the Kushite pharaoh Abu Simbel, where the cobra who had the inscription wears the conical crown of carved at the top of the 260-Upper Egypt, and is in fact foot pinnacle, used the sexual pinnacle. "The relief could be southeast across the river, it evidence that the ancient would have caught the rays of Egyptians saw in the Jebel the morning sun and shone Barkal pinnacle the cobra the across the desert towards form of a goddess protecting ruler.

Meroe for much of the day. Dr Amun in his mountain res-Barkal pinnacle the cobra the divine parentage of the idence. The tall crown marked Barkal was no accident to the beacon for caravans travelling her also as the magical guardforth towards Egypt. ian of Egypt's southern bor-says. "It was a dramatic two days later, Sgt Scott's In the temple of Mut at the dcr, poised in defence against revelation of the complex mother was told only that her

He also believes that the eighth century BC. The town vestigations at Napata since raise buckets of water. Further Dr Lynn Holden has identiogenised the male symbolism had been established around 1986, became fascinated by a scaffold holes showed that a fied it as a representation of in the soaring shaft", since

Jebel Barkal. A large cobra "Amun was also god of fertilhung from the front of the ity and progenitor of the in concert with the resemblance to a protective cobra to make a political point about The peculiar form of Jebei

> nature of their gods, particularly of the greatest. Amun, whose very name means the hidden one." Source: National Geographic

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ANDERSON - On December 25th, after a long battle with Cancer. John Stuart. Invokand of Joan, father of Jean. Elizabeth, Ursula and Malcom. Late of Camberra. Australia. A Memorial Service will be held lake in January. In Camberra.

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Persanner. GUNDRY - A Service of Thankspring for Gerald Ashton will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Tettury. Glos. on Friday. January 11th 1991 at 2.30pm. No flowers. Donatons, if desired, to The Hunts Servants Benevolent Society. Parsions Cottage. Bagendon. Cirencester, Glos. GL7 7DU. When booking Air Chaner based travel you are strongly, advacul to obtain the mane and ATOL acader of the Tour Operator with whom you will contracted. You should ensure that the confirmation advoc carries this information. If you have time doubts check with the ATOL Section of the Civil 4 vaccion. Peter. a son. Daniel Lewis
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Alexander Thomas.
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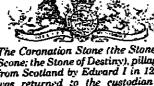
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SEARCH FOR

STOLEN STONE The hue and cry to find the Stone of Scone, which was stolen from beneath the seat of the Coronation chair in Westminster Abbey early on Christmas Day, continued yesterday north and south of the Scottish border. For all police forces in England and Scotland the inquiries

rank as first priority.
In the B.B.C. 6 o'clock news bulletin last night the recorded voice of the Dean of Westminster, Dr. A. C. Don, told listeners that the King was 'greatly distressed" by the removal of the stone.

The Dean referred to the removal of the stone as an act of sacrilege, and added: "What I want to do is to appeal to all of you who are listening to me to make it a matter of personal concern that the Stone of Scone should be recovered. It is unbelievable that anyone should destroy it; it must be hidden somewhere. Therefore, keep your eyes and ears open, and if you have any idea where it may be let the police know - or else let me know and I will go to the ends of the

earth to fetch it back." The police investigations include a check on road traffic, but there has also been a narrower search for a man also been a narrower search and and a woman who were the occupants are the occupants and a woman who were the occupants are the occupants and a woman who were the occupants and a woman who were the occupants and the woman who were the occupants are the occupants and the woman who were the occupants are the occupants and the woman who were the occupants are the occupants and the woman who were th of a Ford Anglia car seen near the Abbey early on Christmas Day, and Counsel, on the ownership of the for the owner of a wrist-watch that

voung woman and a man were seen start a campaign for national rejoicwith the Ford Anglia car outside ing in Scotland. "All this talk about thieves is absolute rubbish." she said.

which were made with a Scottish accent. Scotland Yard is anxious to trace the couple and has circulated their description to provincial police forces. The woman is described as dark eyed and thin lipped, and the man as snub nosed with uncombed

cance may be attached to the initials "J.F.S.," which appear to have been recently scratched on the Coronation chair itself. A telephone caller who rang up a Glasgow newspaper with the rumour that the Stone of Scone was already in a house in the Ibrox

But it is not certain that the Stone

of Scone, which Scotland Yard believes to weigh 458lb., could easily have been carried away in a small car. A Dennis five-ton lorry which was driven off early on Saturday from a factory in the Partick district of Glasgow, was found last night abandoned in Kennington Park Road, London, and the police removed it for examination to see if it had any connexion with the missing

It is not yet known what signifidistrict interpreted the initials as "Justice for Scotland."

During yesterday sightseers visited Westminster Abbey in large numbers and many immediately went up the stairs behind the high altar to look at the Coronation chair. Some traced out the route taken by the thieves as they hauled the stone to the door in Poets' Corner. Police have gone through the routine task of testing for fingerprints on and about the Coronation chair, but hopes of making a useful discovery were not

Scottish opinion about the disappearance of the stone again varied yesterday. Miss Wendy Wood, leader of the Scottish Patriots' Association, announced that she would travel to was found, with a crowbar, near the would take legal action to prove that Coronation chair.

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Winners, losers and unfinished contests

A turbulent 1990 is reviewed by George Hill with (below) Sara Driver's diary of the year

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remember how, a year ago, the clenched floes of a political iceage were breaking up on all sides? It was the most exhibitanting 1945 at least, Reform seemed to be spreading like a pandemic - communicating itself irresistibly from hemi-sphere to hemisphere. Steady nerve had faced out the threat of tyranny, and those whose nerves had been strong stood vindicated. There was even chatter about the end of history.

Reports of its death were exaggerated.

It has run on as if it had a will of its own, baffling even those who could have supposed themselves most in command of events. The world's leaders a year ago never anticipated how suddenly the two Germanies would spring together, nor how far the Soviet Union would go towards flying apart. A year ago, the White House had practically learnt to live with the Sandinistas. The trading nations had practically learnt that tariff

wars burt everybody. Neison Mandela was a prisoner on the point of release, the saviour who would prevent his coun-try from falling into a three-sided civil war. Mrs Thatcher was un-assailable, and Sir Geoffrey Howe had been kicked upstairs. A year ago, Kuwait was a little dry Switzerland. Change is instability. Hopeful change makes space that horrors may rush into. While Brezhnev snored in the Kremlin, the old machine creaked on. Once people dared to

think, old hatreds and new greeds, as well as ideals, were at hand for them to think about

Yet in the year's many elections in the east millions with no experience of voting power felt their way towards firm ground, perhaps with a surer instinct than any politician could have imposed. But Yugoslavia began to revert to Bulkanism. Familiar faces reappeared in control in Romania, once last year's Christmas gunfire died down. The horror of what was found in its hospitals and orphanages almost outweighed joy at the fall of Ceausescu.

Wavering between the incompatible aims of restoring freedom and saving the union, Mr Gorbachev seemed to have lost the confidence even of his closest lieutenant, Eduard Shevardnadze. The possibilities of famine and mass flows of refugees from the east make western Europe's prosperity seem almost as fragile as it did under the shadow of the bomb.

The new age had a short honeymoon. In August, Saddam Hussein saw that the great powers were taking a holiday from geopolitics, and took advantage of their inattention. He may not have foreseen the unprecedented unanimity of the

funny old world it is. Do you, world's response, but he may have been accurate in his contemptuous assumption that it was bluster, from which compromise could be wrung. Mean-while, he ruthlessly broke the resistance moment to be alive, politically, since of the Kuwaitis and used his hostages as pawns with cold resourcefulness, enticing a procession of hopeful peacemakers

to ahase themselves in Baghdad. In his opportunism, Saddam offered a glimpse of one possible pattern for the post cold war era - hard men snatching limited chances, with an alliance of soft superpowers content merely to contain them. Three times this century, the world has faced a problem of containment, and got it wrong twice. But was

this another 1939, a 1945, or a 1914? The western leader who most forcefully articulated the dangers of softness was Margaret Thatcher. George Bush does not have the timbre of voice to shake America easily out of the isolationism it always hankers for, especially since Vietnam.
Saddam's aggression and Mrs Thatch-

in being virtually unforeseen until the moment they happened. Yet in hindsight, political life in Britain throughout 1990 appears shot through with premoni-tions of the doom of Thatcherism. A party which has made economic management its stock in trade inevitably finds recession hard to explain away. Each ministerial resignation weak-

ened the impression of

infallibility. But the trou-

ble went deeper. The

odds with the instincts of most of her MPs on two great issues: Europe and the poll tax. A host of small issues, including education vouchers, the football ID card scheme, Aids compensation for haemophiliacs, and the war crimes bill, helped to create the impression of indomitable will-power flailing in a vacuum, increasingly out of touch with the mood of colleagues and voters, and

with the art of the possible.

Labour forged ahead in the opinion polls. Numb resignation reigned among Tory MPs. Yet Mrs Thatcher's dominance was such that it was scarcely possible to imagine her no longer in charge. Probably only one man could have broken the spell. After the savaging from the dead sheep (more in sorrow than anger, and timed with precision), everything had changed.

The leadership election that followed was surely the most extraordinary instance of concerted political ingratitude, pragmatism and serendipity in Britain this century. Nobody could have planned or predicted the blind flow of instinct which led the party from Thatcher to Major, and to a healing of wounds which might have been crippling. In a redemp-



Over there for Queen and country: one of the first British soldiers in the Gulf, awaiting the uncertainties of the new year following Saddam's invasion of Kuwait

tive ritual reminiscent of the Golden Bough, the regicide struck the fatal blow, and was himself struck down, so that the virgin knight might succeed.

Share prices rose at the news of her fall. The fickle public applauded (for the moment). On the day she accepted that she must step down, she gave a performance in the Commons that was an unsurpassable display of heart and resilience. Later, at the moment of her successor's triumph, she was present half-seen behind the upstairs curtains of . Number 11, like an ancestral ghost leaning down from the heavens to give a silent blessing.

As power seeps from Whitehall to Brussels, it is hard to imagine that Westminster will ever see political theatre of quite the intensity we have witnessed since 1979. As for the virgin knight, or grey man: with one bound Jack was free, to smile at poor trade figures, discard policies without shame, and (most important) to retain policies while sounding completely different. The year's other great piece of political

theatre was the sight of Nelson Mandela walking down the road from prison, impressively upright, slim and selfcontained, and wearing an impressively well-cut suit. Over the months that followed, he had to call on all his fortitude not to be borne down by the exposure and the compromises of being the one man indispensable to resolving South Africa's grief.

Nicaragua and Ireland were two more countries where the ballot-box confounded the pundits. Nicaragua's voters dismissed the Sandinistas almost at the moment of their success, while Ireland's rejected the familiar raddled faces of Irish politics to choose someone fresh as president. But in India neither voters nor politicians seemed able to reverse a slide into corruption and sectarian violence.

This was the year of Gazza's tears. In the World Cup, England rose from a morass of bungling to a place among four semi-finalists of almost equal merit. Watching England's match against the radiant underdoes of Cameroon, half the nation would have been shaky qualifiers in Norman Tebbit's test of national allegiance. Underdogs in sport had a good year: Scotland at Murrayfield, gland in the West Indies, and above all, Buster Douglas in Tokyo (he gained his knockout, took his champion's

urse, and hastened off to enjoy it). Nick Faldo was no underdog, clinching his second Open. But Navratilova was, taking a record ninth Wimbledon title, for time makes every champion an

nderdogs rose and top dogs fell, in sport, politics, and especially in business. There never was such a bonfire of the vanities among boardroom potentates: Saunders, Halpern, Bond, Mirman were among those whose fortunes reached their Nadir. In Strangeways and other grim prisons, the underdogs took charge, and did their best to demolish them.

The IRA continued to blaze away,

sometimes hitting the people they meant to (one of whom, sadly, was Ian Gow). Many Londoners experienced a breath of anarchy when, after the Trafalgar Square poll tax riot, gangs broke windows, overturned cars and had the time of their lives.

Brian Keenan was released from Beirut, and nobody who saw him will forget his infectious overflow of joy. But as the year ended, John McCarthy and Terry Waite were still in captivity. So were the Birmingham Six.

As usual, it was the warmest year of the century, around the world and especially in Cheltenham, where the highest temperature ever recorded in Britain was reached, in the local Tory party headquarters after the naming of the new candidate. The greenhouse lobby were cock-a-hoop all summer: then came blizzards, and the ice-age faction counter-attacked.

A new terror was added to the sorrows of old age: that of being interviewed by the Spectator. And a new terror to childhood: that of being plied with beefburgers by the arch-carnivore John Gummer, to show his fearlessness in face of mad cow disease. The Queen Mother reached 90, the emperor of Japan communed with the earth goddess and

Britain ceased to be an island, after 10.000 years in the role of precious stone set in a silver sea. The breakthrough in the Channel tunnel opens up for rail travellers the prospect of hurtling like the wind from every corner of Europe to stack up behind the 0932 stopping



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Abroad. Jan 15: The Soviet government declared a state of Arts and Entertainment.

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3: The FT-SE 100 share index rose to a record 2.463.7. Crime. Jan 18: Terry Marsh, the former world light welterweight boxing champion, was charged with the attempted murder of Frank Warren, his former

Politics. Jan 3: Norman Fowler, the employment

Sport. Jan 29: David secretary, announced that the government would accept the recommendations in Lord Justice Taylor's report on Hillsborough and would shelve plans for compulsory ID cards for football

Weather. Jan 25: Winds of up to 110mph swept across Britain, killing 47 people. Some Who Died. Armed Some who bled. Armed Forces: Lieut-Gen Sir Roger Bower, Air Commodore Richard Kellett, Air Vice-Marshall George Lott, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Norris, Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Villiars Grayn Cant E W Villiers, Group Capt F.W. Charleson, Ava Gardner, Gordon Jackson, Semprini, Barbara Stanwyck, Terry-Thomas. Business and Industry: Lord McAlpine of Moffat, Sir Martin Wilkinson. Education: John Scupham, Professor John Politics and Civil Service: Lord Paget of Northampton. Sir Antony Part. Religion: Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Science and Medicine: Sir Reginald Rainey, Sir Edward

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forme. Feb 23: Union and health service negotiators reached settlement about pay increases for ambulance ews. Merseyside ambulancemen voted for an

Abroad. Feb 1: Federal troops and tanks were deployed in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo following leaths in clashes between

Serblan authorities. 2: announced the 30-year ban on South Africa's communist party, the ANC, the PAC and other anti-apartheid organisations would be lifted. 7: The Soviet Central Committee voted to end the communist party's monopoly of power. Feb 19: More than 7,000 Romanian miners were drafted into Bucharest to counter anti-government demonstrations. 25: Violeta

Chamorro became president o Nicaragua. Business and Finance. Feb 9: Sock Shop revealed a pre-tax loss of £3.97 million. Shares in the company were later suspended and administrators brought in.

People. Feb 11: Nelson Mandela was released after more than 27 years in jail.



Health. Feb 15: All bottles of Perrier water were withdrawn from sale after traces of benzene were discovered in supplies.

Sport Feb 11: James "Buster" Douglas knocked out Mike Tyson, the praviously unbeaten world heavyweight champion, in Tokyo. 13: It was announced that the unofficial England cricket tour of South Africa, led by Mike Gatting, would end two weeks early.

Weather. Feb 26: Eighteen people died as gales swept across Britain.

Died. Malcolm Forbes, David Goldfarb, Lord Maclean, Graville Wynne. Armed Forces: Lieut-Gen James Gavin. Arts: Norman Parkinson, Johnnie Ray, Dei Shannon, Jimmy Van Heusen, Business and Industry: Dr William Keswick. Education: Professor John Dodgson, Professor Michael Parkin, Lieut-Col Geotfrey Wheeler, Law: Mr Justice McNeill, Politics and Civil Service: Harold McCusker, MP, Jose Napoleon Duarte: Science: Professor Colin Adams, Professor Colin Goodman, Professor Emest Titterton, Sport: Leslie

Home. Mar 9: The NUM executive agreed to an independent enquiry into allegations that Libya had given funds to the union

during the 1984-85 strike and that Arthur Scargill had used some of these funds to pay off his mortgage. 28:
Three people were charged after an attempt to smuggle trigger devices for nuclear bombs on to an Iraqi airliner at Heathrow. 31: Police arrested 341 during a mass rally against the poli tax at Trafalgar Square.

Abroad. Mar 11: Lithuania republic to declare Independence from the Soviet Union. 14: Mikhail Gorbachev was elected to the new executive post of president. 18: In East elections, the Alliance for Germany won with 48 per cent of the vote.

People. Mar 25: The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcle, announced he would retire in January

Politics. Mar 4: Peter Walker, the Welsh secretary, announced he would resign in May. 22: In the Mid Staffordshire by-election, Sylvia Heal overturned a Conservative majority to take the seat for Labour.

Royalty. Mar 23: The Duchess of York gave birth to her second daughter, Eugenie. Sport. Mar 17: Scotland beat England to win the Rugby Union Grand Siam.

Weather, Mar 18: Temperatures of 22C, the hottest in March since 1965. Died. Lady Olwen Carey, Giles Kershaw. Armed Force Air Chief Marshall Sir Alfred Earle, Major-General R.G. Ekin, Air-Vice Marshall J.R.

Gordon-Finlayson, Major-General Sir Julian Gascoigne, Air Marshall Sir Douglas "Zulu" Morris, Rear-Admiral Sir Matthew Slattery, Commander Bradwell Tumer, Air Commodore Harold White, Arts: Capucine, John Dexter Fabla Drake, Halston, Gary Mernii, Philippe Soupaut, Business and Industry: The Hon Anthony Cayzer, Lord Rothschild. Education: Dr Bruno Bettelheim, Ruth Glass aw: William Howard, QC. Politics and Civil Service: Lord Stewart of Fulham, Religion: The Rev Alan Booth, the Rev Joseph McCulloch, Writers, Broadcasters and Journalists: Jane Grigson, Rosamond Lehmann, Jack Lindsay.

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24 days later. 3: Chris Patten, the environment secretary, announced that 20 Labour councils would be charge-capped. 11: Customs officers in Middlesbrough impounded steel cylinders bound for Iraq. A week later Nicholas Ridley, as trade and industry secretary, told the Commons that the cylinders were parts for a 140-ton

Abroad. Apr 18: The Soviet government cut off oil supplies to Lithuania. 22: The Greek authorities arrested Paul Ashwell after customs official found that his forry was carrying parts of the suspected Iraqi "supergun".



Arts and Entertainment. Apr 29: BSB was launched. Crime. Apr 24: Charles Wilson, the Great Train Robber, was murdered at

his flome in Spain. Politics. Apr 19: The Commons passed the British Nationality Bill, granting British citizenship to 50,000 key Hong Kong personnel

Science, Medicine and Health. Apr 4: Dr Raymond Crockett was ordered to be struck from the medical register for his role in procuring kidneys for transplants.

Sport Apr 7: Marcus Armytage won the Grand National on Mr Frisk. 8: Nick Faldo won the US Masters golf championship for the second year running. 28: Liverpool won the FA championship.

Weather. Apr 2: Britain was hit by its second biggest earthquake in 100 years, measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale. 29: As temperatures reached 23C in London, the first hosepipe ban of the

Died. Armed Forces: Brigadier Francis Bunbury, Admiral Sır Frank Hopkins, Arts: James Chipperfield, Erte, Greta Garbo, Paulette Goddard, Sarah Vaughan, Business and Indiana Business and Industry: Duncan Stirling, Education: Dr

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People. Dec 7: The Queen

to the Order of Merit, and

appointed Margaret Thatcher

Denis Thatcher was awarded

the hereditary title of baronet. 20: Bernard Ingham and Charles Powell were

knighted in Mrs Thatcher's

resignation honours list. 24: Salman Rushdie issued a

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Iran's spiritual leader. Ali

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Conservatives chose John

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Sport. Dec 26: The 12-year-

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Home. May 8: London's 4.5 million telephone subscribers grappled with the new 071 and 081 dialling codes.

Abroad. May 4: The Latvian parliament voted to declare independence from the Soviet Union, as did Estonia the tollowing day. 20: Romania's first free elections formana s first free election for more than 50 years were won by the National Salvation Front. 29: Boris Yelstin was elected presider of the Russian Federation.



Arts and Entertainment May 15: Van Gogh's Portrait of Or Gachet became the most expensive painting in the world when it was sold for £49.7 million in New York.

Crime. May 14: Seven illans were injured when an IRA bomb exploded outside the Directorate of Army Education offices at Eltham, London. 16: An army sergeant was killed and another seriously injured when an IRA bomb blew up their minibus outside an army careers office in Wembley. 17: Christian Brando, the son of Marion, was arrested on suspicion of murdering his sister's boylmend. 27: The IRA shot dead two Australian tourists in The Netherlands after mistaking them for off-duty British servicemen.

Sport. May 17: Manchester United beat Crystal Palace 1-0 to win the FA Cup. 22: The Whitbread round the world race was won by the New Zealand vacht Steinlager 2. skippered by Peter Blake. The first all-woman crew in Maiden, skippered by Tracy Edwards, finished second in their class, 24: Bobby Robson announced that he would resign as the England team manager after the World Cup.

Weather. May 1: The hottest May Day since records began in 1875, with temperatures reaching 27C.

Died. Armed Forces: Lt-Gen Sir Reginald Denning, Major Pat Reld. Arts: Sammy Davis Jr, Sir Reginald Goodali, Jim Henson, Jill Ireland, David Rappaport, Teddy Tinling, Max Wali. Business and Industry: Sir Geoffrey Eley, Captain J.W.G. James. Politics: illiam "Bill" Kays, Sir Anthony Williams, George Young, Religion: Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich, Sport: Rocky Graziano, Write pernalists and Broadcasters Sob Danvers-Walker, Bill Sowerbutts, David Wood.

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Home. Jun 14: David Waddington, the home secretary, announced that the convictions of the Maguire family for running an IRA bomb factory could not be upheld and would be referred to the Court of Appeal 15: The High Court ruled that the government acted tawfully when it chargecapped 21 Labour councils. 21: Following the Calcutt report, David Waddington, the home sacretary, gave
British newspapers a year to
set up a voluntary body, the
Press Complaints Commission, which would implement a rigorous code of

Abroad, Jun 8: Czechosiav aida's first free elections since the war were won by Civic Forum. 12: The parliament of the Russian Federation voted to declare that the republic had the right to secode from the Soviet Union. 30: Oil supplies to Lithuania were restored after the republic agreed to suspend its declaration of independence for 100 days.

30: The Deutschmark became legal tender in East Germany.

Crime. Jun 1: An off-duty soldier was killed by IRA gunmen at Lichfield City station in Staffordshire. The IRA fater shot dead Major Michael Dillon-Lee in Dortmund, West Germany. 9: An IRA bomb exploded at 9: An IRA bomb exploded at the headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company in London, injuring 17 civillans attending a birthday party. 16: Belgian police captured three IRA suspects in a wood near Hoogstraten, 25: More than ten people were hurt when an IRA bomb exploded at the Carlton Club in St James's Street, London.

People. Jun 15: Barbara Castle was made a life peer and Peter Ustinov, Richard Hadlee, Jimmy Savile and Kingsley Amis were knighted in the birthday honours list, 22: Kathi Young and Irene Templeton priests in the Anglican Church in Europe.

Politics. Jun 3: Dr David Owen's Social Democratic Party was formally disbanded, 4: The House of Lords threw out the government's War Crimes Bill.

Royalty. Jun 28: The Prince of Wales broke his right arm in two places during a polo match at Cirencester Park. Sport. Jun 6: Pat Edderv won the Derby on Quest for Fame.

Died. Armed Forces: Major

Thomas Ingram. Arts: Eric Barker, Sir James Carreras, Sir Rex Harrison, Elizabeth Harwood, Raymond Huntley, Joe Loss, Angus McBean, Leonard Sachs, Dame Eva Turner, Elsie Waters. Business and Industry: Lord Palmer. Education: Professor William Kneale. Dr Hugh Sinclair. Law: Master Antony Harwood, Chancellor the Rev E. Garth Moore. Politics and Civil Service: Sir Robert Armitage, Lord Fletcher, Sean Hughes, John Jennings, Ronald Lewis, Lord O'Neill of the Maine, Lord Ponsonby of Shulbreda **Religion:** The Right Rev Gordon Savage. Writers and Journalists: Jon Akass, Robert Carvel, Tom Hopkinson, Irving Wallace.

Home. Jul 19: The NUM announced it would sue Arthur Scargill and Peter Heathfield in order to recover money raised by foreign miners in support of the British miners' strike, 6: Nato eaders meeting in London issued the London Declaration, formally ending the cold war.

Abroad. Jul 12: Boris Yeltsin resigned from the Soviet communist party.

Crime, Jul 2: Imelda Marcos and Adnan Khashoggi were found not guilty at the end of a trial for fraud in New York. 24: Three policemen and a Roman Catholic nun were killed when an IRA landmine exploded near Armagh in Northern Ireland. 30: Ian Gow, the Conservative MP for Eastbourne, was killed when an IRA bomb blew up his car at his home in

People. Jul 25: It was announced that the Rt Rev George Carey, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, would succeed Dr Robert Runcie as Archbishop of Canterbury.

Politics. Jul 14: Nicholas Ridley resigned from the cabinet after publication of an interview in the Spectator In which he said the Germans were aiming to "take over the whole of Europe".



Sport. Jul 4: England was defeated by West Germany in the semi-finals of the World Cup. 7: Martina Navratilova beat Zina Garrison to win her ninth Wimbledon women's title. 8: Stefan Edberg beat Boris Becker to win the men's final; West Germany won the World Cup, beating Argentina 1-0. 10: Uefa

litted its ben on English clubs (except Liverpool) playing in Europe. Graham Taylor was confirmed as the new manager of the England football team, 22: Nick Faido won the Open Championship at St Andrews, 27: Graham Gooch scored 333 runs in the first Test against India at Lord's.

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Alan Bond resigned as the

Crime. Sep 18: Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry was

seriously wounded by the

for his part in the deaths of

Forsyth, the chairman of the Scottish Conservative

ter of State at the

Science, medicine and health. Sep 24: Offal in pig

confirmation that a pig had

Sport. Sep 18: The ICC announced that the 1996

Died. Lady Home of the

Hook, General Curtis

Court Education:

Whee

Olympics would be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

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eMay, Major-General Normal

Athene Seyler, Lord Swann, Patrick White. Business

and industry: Robert Holmes

Professor Wreford Watson.
Politics and Civil Service:
Lord Caradon. Religion: Father
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and Medicine: Alfred Meyer.

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Sport: Sir Leonard Hutton. Writers, Broadcasters and

Journalists: Alberto Moravia, A.J.P. Taylor.

Home. Oct 19: The

er. Arts: Irene Dunne.

feed was banned afte

uprising in December.

Politics. Sep 7: Michael

Party, was promoted to

Scottish Office.

IRA at his home near Stafford. 21: Nicu Ceausescu was sentenced to 20 years in prison

ilians during the Romanian

director of Bond

squad. Shares in the company were suspended. 26:

ordered the expulsion of all

of foreign diplomats in Kuwait. Four days later, President Saddam ordered

the expulsion of military attaches from five

and serious assault in

of four black youths. 25:

the president of Liberia.

military staff from track

500-mile drive from Kuwait.

that they would resume

diplomatic links.

funds held by the International Miners'

Weather. Jul 23: A state of "absolute drought" was declared after Britain had less than 0.02mm millimetres of rain over a 15-day

Died. The Duke of Portland.
Armed Forces: Rear-Admiral
"Tony" Pugsiey. Arts: Jiff
Esmond, Margaret Lockwood.
Sidney Torch. Education:
Professor Norman Hanson, Sir Alan Parkes, Lawr His Hon Judge Lewis Hawser. Politics and Civil Service: Angus Beckett, Dr Bruno Krelsky, Capt Lawrence "Willy" Orr, Anthony Tasker, Sir John Richmond. Religion: The Rt Rev Launcelot Fleming. Science and Medicine: Dr Arthur Crooke.

AUGUST Home, Aug 29: David

Waddington, the home secretary, announced that the Birmingham Six would have their cases reviewed again by the Court of Appeal. Abroad. Aug 2: Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait at dawn and began massing along the border with Saudi Arabia. Following a naval blockade of the Gulf, Saddam Hussein, the president of Iraq. refused to allow foreigners to leave Kuwait and Iraq. 5: All EC members, America and Japan banned imports of Iraqi and Kuwaiti crude oil and petrol. 6: The UN voted to mpose mandatory economic sanctions on Iraq; the ANC announced it was suspending its armed struggle against South Africa; Benazir Bhutto, the prime minister of Pakistan, was dismissed by its president. 7: The US government began to send ground, naval and air forces to Saudi Arabia. 10: Arab eaders voted to send troops to Saudi Arabia. 12: Douglas Croskery, a Briton, was shot dead by Iraqi soldler near Kuwait's border with Saudi Arabia, 19: Iraq began rounding up foreign hostages to use as a "human shield" at key installations.

24: Any embassies in Kuwait that had not compiled with Iraq's order to close were surrounded by Iraqi troops and had essential supplies cut off. 25: The UN Security Council voted unanimously to authorise a naval blockadé of Iraq under UN auspices. 31: President F.W. De Klerk



announced that South Africa's

would in future be open to all

governing National Party

Crime. Aug 10: Marion Barry, the mayor of Washington, was found guilty of possessing cocaine, but the judge declared a mistrial. 27: Ernest Saunders, Gerald Ronson, Anthony Parnes and Sir Jack Lyons were found guilty at Southwark Crown Court of breaking the law while organising the Guinness takeover of the Distillers group.

People. Aug 24: Brian Keenan, held hostage in Beirut for 1,596 days, was

Royalty. Aug 4: The Queen Mother celebrated her ninetieth birthday.

Sport. Aug 14: India was saved from defeat in the second Test by Sachin Tendulkar, aged 17, who scored 119 not out. 28: David Gower scored 157 not out at the Oval, and England won the Test series 1 0; Steve Backley won a gold medal for a record javelin hrow of 87.3 metres at the European athletics championships in Split, Yugoslavia. 29: Kriss Akabusi broke David Hemery's British 400m hurdles record, set in 1968, to win a gold

medal in Split. Weather, Aug 3: As Britain's highest ever temperature, 37.1C, was recorded at Cheltenham, nine people drowned in accidents around the country.

Died. Sheikh Fahd al-Died. Sheikh Fahd elAhmad al-Sabah, the Earl of
Huntingdon. Armed Forces:
Colonel Elspeth Hobkirk,
Brigadier Patrick Hobson,
Vice-Admiral Sir Aubrey
Mansergh, Rear-Admiral Sir
David Martin, General Lemuel
C. Shepherd. Arts: Pearl iley, Max Gordon, Robert Reid. Business and Industry: Bernard Wex. Politics and Civil Service: Commander Sir Peter Agney Sir Berbert Marchant, rick Wall. Religion: The At Rev Alexander Muge. Science and Medicine: Professor Ronald Greaves Professor Sir Edward Wayne. Sport: Hector Barrantes. Jimmy Carruthers, Joe Mercer. Writers, Broadcasters and Journalists: Bernard Falk,

company's Mayfair headquarters.

Crime. Oct 24: Six soldiers and a civilian were killed when the IRA forced two "human bombs" to drive to army checkpoints in Northern

People. Oct 10: Lord Authority, was appointed the first chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, 11: Patrick Nicholls, the of state at the environment department, resigned after being arrested on drinkthe Conservative Conference in Bournemouth.

Politics, Oct 18: The Liberal Democrats overturned a Conservative majority of nearly 17,000 in Eastbourne. Sport. Oct 16: Lester

Piggott rode two winners at Cheostow a day after returning to the saddle. Died. Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed al Maktoum, Leif Larsen, Le Duc Tho. Stefano Casiraghi, Armed Forces: Rear Admiral Sir Edmund Irving, Colonel Sir Edward Malet, Arts: Alyn Ainsworth, Jill Bennett, Leonard Bernstein, Avis Bunnage, Joel McCrea, Richard Murdoch, Lord Relity, Delpine Seyrig. Politics: Norman Buchan, Lord

NOVEMBER

of Lord Cullen's report into the Piper Alpha disaster, the government decided to switch esponsibility for safety monitoring from the energy department to the Health and Safety Executive. 27: The Sunday Correspondent

Abroad. Nov 8: President Bush announced he was ending three more aircraft carriers and an additional 100,000 troops to the Gulf. 10. Chandra Shekhar was sworn in as India's eight prime minister. 13: An RAF pilot, killed when his Jaguar bomber crashed in the desert, became the first British confrontation, 18: Saddam ein said he would relea all 2,000 foreign hostages between Christmas Day and March 25. 19: In Paris a non-aggression treaty and an arms treaty reducing conventional weapons in Europe by almost a third was signed at the 34-nation Conference on Security and

Co-operation in Europe. Arts and Entertainment Nov 2: Sky Television and BSB announced that they were merging. Mick Jagger married Jerry Hall in Bali.

Raigh Halpern left the Burton group with a £2 million golden handshake; the number of unemployed rose to 1.7 million after the biggest rise since 1986.

Crime. Nov 7: Terry Marsh was accuitted of the attempted murder of Frank Warren. 10: Four men were killed in an IRA ambush in County Armagh. 11: Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad found 80lb of Semtex explosives in two parked cars in north London.

Politics. Nov 1: Sir Geoffrey Howe resigned. 9: Ireland elected Mary Pobinson to be its first woman president. 13: In a speech to the Commons explaining the continuits of supraining the reasons for his resignation. Sir Geoffrey warned that the prime minister was risking Britain's future by her attitude to Europe. 14t Michael Hoseiting announced that he Heseltine announced that he would challenge Mrs
Thatcher for the leadership.
20: Mrs Thatcher failed to
win a clear lead over Mr Heseltine in the first round of the leadership election. Both candidates declared they would let their names go , forward for a second ballot. 22: Mrs Thatcher announced her resignation as prime minister. John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary,

announced they would stand as candidates for the econd ballot, 27: Mr Major succeeded Mrs Thatcher as prime minister.

The final certain: Mrs Thatcher, half-seen at an upstairs window of Number 11, looks on as her successor, John Major, enjoys his moment of triumph

McGregor, the chairman of the Advertising Standards parliamentary under-secretary driving charges while attending 15: President Gorbachev was awarded the Nobel Peace

> Sport. Nov 18: Chris Eubank won the World Boxing Organisation's middleweight title, defeating Nigel Benn. 20: Aliysa, the filly owned by the Aga Khan, was disqualified from winning the 1989 Oaks

because a prohibited substance, camphor, had been found in a post-race urine test, 24: Australia retained the rugby league Ashes after a 14-0 win over Great Britain at Elland Road. Died, Armed Forces: Air Vice-Marshall Avion Case,

Commander Wilfred Dunderdale, Lieut-Col Sir Cyril Hancock, Colonel Sir David Stirling. Arts: Jili Day, Roland Emett, Richard Lewis, Mary Martin, Rodrigo Moynihan. Education: Professor Robert Owen, Professor R.J. Vincent. Law: Sir Alan Mocatta, Lord Pearce. Politics SIF ANN Davies, Sir Frank Figgures, Sir Humphrey Globs. Religion: The Rev Dr John Huxtable. Science and Medicine: Professor Tim McElwain. Sport: Fred Daly, Cliff Jones, Jack Petersen. Writers

Gardner, Malcolm Muggeridge, Yannis Ritsos, Anya Seton, Dodie Smith.

DECEMBER

Home, Dec 1: British and French engineers shook hands and exchanged flags as the two halves of the Ch tunnel were linked, 23: The Provisional IRA declared a 72hour Christmas "truce": about 15,000 stores opened in defiance of the Shops Act. 27: Territorial Army and army reservists assemble reporting centres in Glasgow and Aldershot.

Abroad. Dec 2: Helmut Kohl

became the first chancellor of a united Germany since 1932. 6: Saddam Hussein ordered the release of all hostages still held in Iraq and Kuwait. 7: Lech Walesa had a landslide victory in the first free Polish presidential lection. 12: President Bush lifted a US trade ban to help leviate food shortages in the Soviet Union. 16: Britain's ambassador and consul flew out of Kuwait. 20: The Soviet foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, resigned. 24: Saddam Husse threatened that Tel Aviv would be his first target if war broke out in the Gulf. 25: The Soviet parliament approved new powers for resident Gorbachev; the Soviet prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov, suffered a heart attack; ex-King Michael of Romania was expelled from

vice-president on the second Business and Finance. Dec 6: Alan Bond was arrested in Perth on a charge of fraud.

10: The electricity privatisation was ten times oversubscribed, with 5.7 million people applying for shares. 11: The Levitt Group was placed in liquidation

the country only hours after

partiament elected Gennady

Yanavev to the new post of

returning for the first time in 43 years. 27: The Soviet

Kempton Park. Weather, Dec 8: Ten died and millions of homes were hit by power cuts as Arctic blizzards swept across north and west Britain. 25: Gales

candidate.

left thousands of people without electricity on Christmas Day. Died. Armed Forces: Group Captain George Burges, Air Marshall Sir Victor Groom, Raper. Arts: Joan Bennett. Aaron Copland, Friedrich Durrenmatt, Basil Henson, Trethowan, Business and

Industry: Armand Hammer, Lord Seebohm. Fred Potter. Politics and Civil Service: Tunku Abdul Rahman, Sir Douglas Busk.





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SEPTEMBER officials agreed to drop legal action in return for a

Zeebrugge disaster trial collapsed at the Central Criminal Court. 23: Edward Heath returned from Baghdad with 37 freed British hostages. Abroad, Oct 2: Germany celebrated reunification. 8: At Last 21 Arabs were killed

when Israeli security forces opened fire during clashes between Jewish and Patestinian factions in

Oct 16: A.S. Byatt won the Booker Prize for her novel

Business and Finance. Oct 8: Britain joined the European Exchange-Rate Mechanism as interest rates fell by 1 per cent. 12: Inflation reach an eight-year high of 10.9 per cent. 24: The directors of Polly Peck International applied for the appointment of administrators and six days later detectives from the Serious Fraud office raided the dead to do good deeds. Feeble excursion into

Comell, with Linda Kozłowski. Carnons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2638) Oxford Street

visualsation of popular concert classics reaches between the charming, the claver, and the desistrous cute. With Mickey Minuse at the Seastrous A cute. With Mickey

Mouse as the Sorcerer's Apprentice: music played by Leopold Stokowski and the

Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-336 8961) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520).

version of Pater Brook's stage epic which delves into Indian legende about the Insterny of the world. Visually drab, though the material gradually compete attention. Earbican (071-638 8891).

♦ AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE (15): Jane

◆ BLUE STEEL (18): Tough, blood-spattered poice thriller with a feminist stant

spattered poice transported from director Kathryn Bigelow.
Cennon Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

COME SEE THE PARADISE (15): Alan

treatment of the Japanese after Pearl Harbor, handsomely mounted. Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7897).

THE COMFORT OF STRANGERS (18): Rupert Everett and Natasha Richardson mouching around Venue, falling prey to the warped Christopher Walken. Labonou

♦ FLATLINERS (15): Kerter Sutherland

June Hopers and Nevro south as inswinders students probing the boundaries between death and life. Director, Joel Schumacher. Cannons: Chelses (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Rose (071-602 6644) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644)

the warped Christopher Walken. psychological drama. Curzon Meyfelr (071-499 3737).

Mezzanine (071-902 (0426-914-098) Whiteleys (071-2 3303/3324).

AFTER THE FALL: Arthur Miles

2) AF EN FIEL PAUL: Authorises sorting out love, guit and marnings. Bewitch performance by Josette Simon. National (Lyteston), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Undergound/BR Waterloo. Yorlight, termorrow 7 30pm, mai tomorrow, 2 15pm. Running itine: 2hra 55mms.

☐ BOOKENDS: Disappointingly empty tale of two literary blokes: Michael Horder

Apolio, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2683). Understanding

☐ THE BOYS NEXT DOOR: Tom Griffin's patronising view of the mentally ill-adjusted Fine acting, with Steve

Comedy Theetre, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045) Underground Piccadilly, Mo Thurs, 8pm, Fri. Sat. 8-30pm, mets Fri. Sat, 5-30pm. Rusning time: 2hrs 10mms. Ends

GASLIGHT: Annie Castledine's superbly atmospheric production of Patrick Hamilton's thriller. Performances excellent,

the plot gripping.
Greenwich, Croom's Hill. SE10 (081-858 7755). British Rail Greenwich Mon-Set, 7.45pm, mat today, 3.20pm, tomorrow,

El GASPING: John Gordon Sinclair and Jim Certer in Ben Biton's greenash comedy. Rather over the top but lots of laughs. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-330 9800). Underground: Procedilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fn, Sat, 8 30pm, mat Sat, 5pm. Running time, 2hrs 30mins, Ends February 1/2

☐ HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Hannah Gordon

orovoking play. /audeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987).

El INTO THE WOODS: Sondheim's writy mix of fairytales: grammer than Grimm in the first half, turns sloshy thereafter. Phoenbs, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-240 8661). Underground: Tottenham Court Road Mon-Sat, 7:30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2:30pm. Running time: 2tres 50mms. (Open Jan 1)

Gothic melodrama, ranging between the learning lythmas and the teebly frantic. Ambessadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111), Underground' Leoester Square, Mon-Set, Spm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs. Ends January 5. (Open Jan. 1)

Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 7-45pm, Set, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, Running time: 2hrs 15mins. (Open Jan 1)

Guttenberg, Transfer from Hampslead. Cornedy Theatre, Panton Street, SW1

Campion's excellent film about the New Zealand writer Janet Frame.

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performances in London tonight (the other is at the Festival Hall) features distinguished

THE NUTCRACKER; One of two

production by Arthony Clark about the Perkian boy betrended by a enchanted ballion. Bristol Old Vic, King Street (0272 250250), 3pm and 7.30pm. BECKETT ILLUMINATIONS: Marvellous 55ft-long illuminated cartoon strip about the life and times of Thomas Becket, drawn by

Oliver Postgate Plenty of writy and gory

NEW RELEASES CINEMA GUIDE ALMOST AN ANGEL (PG): Crocodile Dundee star Paul Hogan as a profession who believes he has returned from the

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

Note: Please check with cinemas for changes in opening times during the

 THE FRESHMAN (PG): Quirky, uneven spool of The Godlather, with Marion Brando sa the gobster who hires a New York film student (Matthew Broderick) as a delivery-boy tor, Andrew Ber

 GHOST (12): Jerry Zucker's supernatural timiler. Bizarre, incoherent, but absorbing while it lests. Camions: Baker Street (071-835 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whitpleys (071-792 3303/3324).

→ GOODFELLAS (18): Martin Scorsees gengster epic following a New York hood rise and fall. With Robert De Niro. Cannon Fullnam Road (071-370 2838) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Screet Baker Street (071-835 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

 HENRY AND JUNE (18): Arete Nin's
passionate after with Henry Miller in botten
Paris recreated with a grandiose flair by Cannon Futhern Hosel (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Notting Hill Cord (071-727 6705) Whiteleys (071-792

♦ HOME ALONE (FG): Plucky kid left slone at Christmas wards off bumbling burglars Broad, machine-tooled American family fun from writer-producer John Hughes.

big US hrt Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Camons: Chelsee (071-352 5086) Haymarist (071-389 1527) Oxford Street (071-836 (310) Odeons: Kensington (071-626 (310) Odeons: Kensington (071-620 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Mezzaraine (071-830 6111) Warmer (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ THE HOT SPOT (18): Raging ser fires and displicity in a lazy Texas town, deliclously evoked by director Dennis Hopper. Don Johnson as the drifter who hs a homet's rest. on Chelsea (071-352 5096) Prince

Note: There may be slight changes to performance times during the

OUT OF ORDER: Donald Sinder puffs,

developed Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (07:-379 5385). Underground: Holborn. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sei, 8.30pm, mets Wed, 2.30pm, Sat,

Michael Williams panics, in latest Play Cooney Iarca, over-plotted, under-

PRIVATE LIVES: Kelth Baxter, Joan

Collins and Sara Crowe in Coverd's comedy. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Underground. Covert Garden. Mon-Fn. Sprn. Sat. 8.30pm, mate Wed. 3pm. Sat. 5pm. Hunrang time. 2hrs 15mms. Ends January 25. (Open Jan 1)

[] THE REHEARSAL: Isn McDiarmid's stylish production (costumes by Jasper Covren) of Anoulth's seduction play. Gernick, Channing Cross Road, WCZ (071-

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW:

Raucous and wild, bold end bizarre; so

deafening rock musical. Piccadility, Denman Street, W1 (071-867)

Proceeding, Johannes Steet, Will (V1-lear) 1118). Underground: Piccadilly Carous, M. Thans, Spm, Fn, Sat, 7pm and 9.15pm. Running time: thr 30mms. (Open Jan 1)

Affable Russ poorly served by stale meterial in old-fashioned show. London Palladium, Argyle Street, W1 (071-437 7373). Underground: Oxford Circus.

Mon-Sat, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, Running time. 2hrs 30mms. (Closed Dec 31, open Jan 1)

C SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE: Alen

Wyndham's, Cherneseer.
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(071-867 1116). Underground: Lexcester
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Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins Ends January 26. (Closed Dec 26, 31, Jan 1)

Edger's crisply argued, almost elegiac view of a Communist state collepsing into

TODAY'S EVENTS

Somerset County Museum, Tauriton Castle (0823 255504), 10am-5pm.

EGON SCHIELE AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES: in the past 30 years Schele has become the Mahler of

panting His work, once shunned, is now

universelly popular and inescapable in raproduction. Rudoli Leopold of Vienna has

Royal Academy of Art. Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), 10am-6pm.

ARNOLD BROWN: The success of Radio 4's cornedy series Arnold Brown and Company

THE SHAPE OF THE TABLE: David

T RUSS ABBOT'S MADHOUSE:

Christmas week

THE ICICLE THIEF (PG): Greatly engaging comedy salmaing Italian neo-realism and the screening of films on lelevision. Written and directed by, and stamp, Maurizio Nichelti — an italian comic hugely popular on his home tur! Metro (071-497 0757).

♦ THE LITTLE MERIMAID (U): Disney's much-touted version of Hans Christian much-touted verson of Hane Christian Andersen's lantasy. Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7897) Kensington (071-832 6644/5) Swiss Cortage (071-722 5505) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

METROPOLITAN (15): Whit Stillmen's westedly work comedy of manners set among New York's debutantes and preppies over one Christmas holiday. Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Lumière (071-836 0891) Screen on the Hill (071-435

♦ THE NEVERENDING STORY PART 2 (U): A return visit to the land of Fantasi Visually speciacular, but the plot is a jumple and an unlivesible child actor, J Brands, spois some of the fun. Carnons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 (0316) Warrar (071-439 0791) Whitaleys (071-792 3803/3324).

THE SHELTERING SKY (18): A chilling novel (by Paul Bowies) filmed with a warmi visual sweep by Bernardo Bertolucci with John Malkovich and Debra Winger. Odeon Leicester Squere (071-930 5111). **TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES**

(PG): Norsy, chermises feature-length advert for the new pop culture fad. Cannon Chelsas (071-352 5086) Odeone: Kensington (071-502 6844/5) Swiss Cottage (0426 914 098) West End (071-930 5252/7815) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). THREE SISTERS (12): Chekhov updated to an Italian university town in the 1980s. Sparks by from all three actresses (Fanny Ardani, Grete Scacchi, Valena Golno), yet the lim stays in low gaer. Premiere (071-439 4470).

TIME OF THE GYPSIES (16): Noisy accord of Yugosiav gypsy youngsters conscripted into an army of theres. Dezding set-paces, but the disposaed narrative esps the film's energy.

Carnel of Paza (071-485 2443) Chelses Charpe (171-485 2443)

A WORLD WITHOUT PITY (15): Life and loves of a Parisien layabout; a promising debut by young Franch director Enc Rochant, with disammy performances (Fispolyte Grandot, Mirelle Pamer): Renoir (071-837 8402).

tomorrow, 7.30pm, met tomorrow, 2.30pm. Running time: 2nrs 36mins. THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assessment of

☑ THREE SISTERS: Three Redgraves in admirable if over-busy production. Vanessa and Lynn outstanding as the older girle. Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-734 1155) Underground: Paccadiay Circus, Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2 30pm, Panning time: 3trs. (Pope, Ise 1). Running time: 3hrs. (Open Jan 1)

TIME AND THE CONWAYS: Joan ET TIME AND THE CONWAYS, Joan Plowight and lots of other Chivins in Pries dullsh play, set in 1919 (twice) and 1938. Old Vic, Westrico Road, SE1 (071-528 7816). Underground: Waterloo, Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Se1, 7.45pm, mets Wed, 2.30pm, Set Joan Dumper West, Sen Sen Sen Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 35mine. Ends February 16. (Open Jan 1)

III WHAT THE BUTLER SAW: Incest, assault and bisexual junketing preserved in the aspic of Joe Orton's wit. Not quite a topoless production but well worth seeing. Hampsteed, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722) 9301). Underground: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat, 8pm, real Sat. 4pm. Running time: 2hrs. Extended to January 16. (Open Jan 1)

IN THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS: AL Bennett's enchanting new version, with job, sets popping up on the revolve, Griff Phys Jones, Richard Briers and all. National (Olivier) (as left). Tonight, tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mjrs. (Open Jan 1) LONG RUNNERS: Absurd Person LONG HUNNERS: LI ADDRIC PERSON
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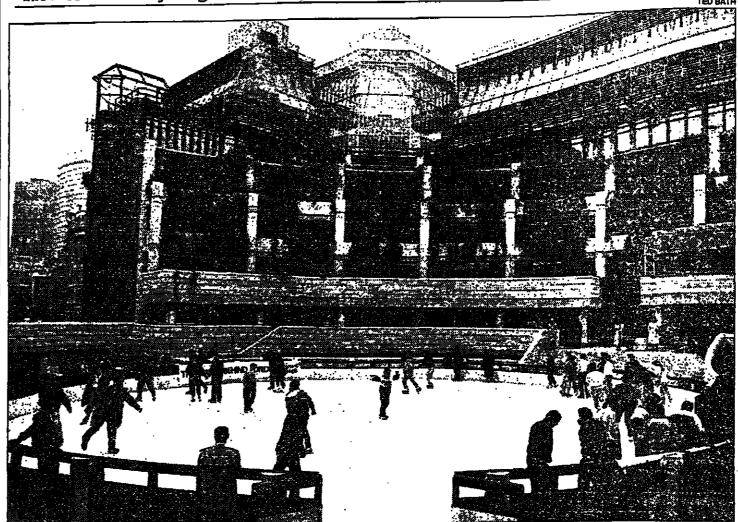
Lithushian Jawish ex-chartered accountant (src) at the forefront of new British comedy. Second of mine performances. Purcell Room. South Bank, London SE1

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK: Superior JACK AND THE BEANSTALK SUperior penia directed by American Teddy Kendi. Gillian Winght a a very furny Princess Fenella with has a compulsion to eat trogs, while Eddie Nestor and Tony Marshell are grandly aggressive roques. Albamy Empire. Douglas Way, London SEB (081-691 3333). 2pm and 7.30pm.

CINDEPELLA: Another promising production with Stanley Baxter returning traditional parito (though he threatens it may be best

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One traditional answer is to suggest that they put on their hats and coats and set off for a brisk walk in the fresh air to counteract the effects of over-indulgence. A number of organised walks will be taking place over the post-Christmas period.

The Twelve Days of Christmas. for instance, is the theme of a series of walks being held in East Cumbria. All are taken at a gentle pace but for more details and information about those most suitable for children call 0228

Many children (my own among them) dislike the idea of walking for its own sake, and prefer to be given some specific reason for having to use their legs. The Treasure Trail at Leeds Castle, on New Year's Day would be more their idea of fun. You can roll up from I lam onwards, but the last practical start time is probably about 2pm. The clues lead you around the estate and should take about an hour to solve. Adults £5.20, accompanied

children free. Since 1991 will be the Year of the Maze, you could suggest going out to find one. The most famous of all is probably the hedge maze at Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey (081-977 8441: closed New Year's Day). Entry to the maze alone costs £1 for adults, 75p for children.

Mazes date back at least 4,000 vears and there are more than 100 in Britain today. Not all are hedge mazes; some are in turf, brick. stone, wood and water. Indoor mazes may be made from marble,

mosiac or stained glass. The Ancient Turf Maze on the Common at Saffron Walden, Essex, has 17 rings of brick paths set in turf and measures 132ft (OS Ref TL 543385). For more details about mazes open to the public and those suitable for family outings over the holiday period contact Adrian Fisher (0582 461880).

If your offspring really detest walking, consider some other form of exercise. Modern leisure pools are a far cry from the swimming baths of old. The emphasis is on fun and games, not on swimmers going up and down in regimented lanes. Most will be open after Boxing Day, although some may close early on New Year's Eve and remain closed on New Year's Day.

Fantaseas Tropical Indoor Water Park at Dartford, for instance, will be open daily. Normal hours are from 10.30am with last tickets at 9pm, apart from New Year's Eve when it will close at 3pm. There are giant turbo flumes, jacuzzis, kiddies pools with animal slides and floats, a wave machine, a lazy river, an inflatable tyre ride and a restaurant and bar. Prices: £5.50 adults, £4.50 for 5-14 vear olds, £3 for 3 and 4-year-o Under threes are free. Access is via Junction 1A off the M25 at Dartford.

Alternatively, ice-skating might feel like a more seasonal activity. If you live within reach of London's Liverpool Street station you can even recreate the atmosphere of Victorian winters by taking the family skating in the open air.

Broadgate Ice Rink at 3, Broadgate, London EC1 (see photograph, above) claims to be the country's only open-air rink and is open for two sessions daily. Session times are from 11am to 2pm and from 3pm to 6pm. Admission: £3 adults, £1.50 children. Skates are available for hire: £1.50 adults, 75p children (071 588 6565).

Railways

CHILDREN hooked on Thomas the Tank Engine would no doubt appreciate a ride on one of the many steam train specials running

during the holidays. Mince Pie Specials will be running from the Midland Railway Centre, Butterley Station. Ripley, Derbyshire today, tomorrow, December 30 and 31, with a free mince pie for all (0773 747674).

The Fat Controller pops up with presents for children at Embsay Station for the New Year's Family and the Happy Tank Engines on the Embsay Steam Railway near Skipton, North Yorkshire (0756 794727). There are more Mince Pie Specials on December 30, 31 and January i at the Nene Valley Railway, Vansford Station, which is on the southbound side of the Al near Peterborough, Cambs

(0780 782854). As for those who have had enough of Christmas fare, how about a little Hot Dog Steaming on New Year's Day at the East Anglian Railway Museum at Chappel and Wakes Coine Station, Colchester, Essex. Free hot dogs for all hungry passengers (0206 242524).

Animal magic

Animals always appeal to younger children and the winter months are often a good time to visit zoos and wildlife parks simply because they are less crowded. Some places offer reduced admission during winter.

Capel Manor Environmental Centre, at Theobalds Park, off Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield, Middlesex, is holding a Winter Wonder Day tomorrow for children aged between 5 and 14 and their parents. There will be tracks and trails to follow, a chance to create some nature art and to listen to some fireside poems. There are two sessions - from 10am to noon and from 2pm to 4pm.

Children £1 a session, adults free (0992 763849).

Most zoos, including London Zoo and Whipsnade Wild Animal Park, have been open sincer Christmas, but it is as well to phone before you set out. Although Windsor Safari Park is now open from 10am it is worth knowing that last admission is 30mm; while the toboggan ride will be open (unless it is wet), the larger mechanical rides are closed for maintenance. However, there are reduced winter rates of £5.95 for adults and £4.95 for children

Those who are fed up with Park at Alfriston, East Sussex, might consider heading there for the special family Sunday lunches when there will be entertainers to keep the children amused in the Toucan Restaurant from noon onwards. This small zoo is open from 10.30am to 4pm. Reduced admission, adults £3.75, children

There are butterflies too at the

listed theatrical events intended for children

Yesterday's page 16 suggested exhibitions, museums and other

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18 DAMARIS

(b) A woman of Athens converted by Paul, Acts, 17, 34: "How beit certain men clave unto him and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Arcopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and (b) Midianite priest and father-in-law of Moses.

sometimes called Reuel or Raguel. Moses married Zipporah, she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for, he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land. BARTHOLOMEW

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Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford, Oxfordshire, as well as a reptile house, fruit bats, and a tropical house. The walk-round park is set in 180 acres of gardens and woodlands and is now open from 10am to dusk. Prices: £3.20 adults, £1.95 children four and over.

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Directed by Raoul Walsh 12.55 Regional news and weather

1.00 News with Philip Hayton 1.15 Neighbours. (Ceefax)

Julie Andrews as a flapper who talls for her boss in Twenties New York. In her search for the ideal husband, Millie encounters a white slave racket masquerading as a Chinese laundry and meets an aspiring actress played by Mary Tyler Moore. Directed by George Roy Hill

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6.30 Buchan on Buchan. A musical tribute to Norman Buchan who was
MP for Paisley South until his untimely death in October
7.00 Design 7.00 Devine Experience. The country and western singer Sydney

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Devine recorded in concert at Glasgow's Pavilion Theatre

7.30 Film: Mannequin (1987). Comic tantasy about the staff of a department store where young Jonathan Switcher (Andrew McCarthy) falls in love with a shop window model (Kim Cattrall). The musical score includes Starship's number one hit single "Nothing's Going To Stop Us Now". Directed by Michael Gottlieb.

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news



Telling jokes for local cons

 CHOICE: With only a guitar, which he hardly plays, and a glass of water as props, Jasper Carrott gives a non-stop solo performance from the Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford. The show was recorded some months ago and makes no attempt to be seasonal or otherwise topical, relying on Carrott to apply his sharp observation and jaundiced outlook to topics as variously timeless as insomnia and the Reliant Robin. As if following the pantomime convention, Carrott works in a number of jokes for mainly local consumption, and those unacquainted with Birmingham City tootball club or East Midlands Airport may struggle to see the joke. One or two of the routines are stretched beyond their worth but it is an impressively fluent performance. Given Carrott's usual attire of slacks and open-necked shirt, the costume credit is something of a

mystery. (Ceefax)

10.20 Film: Roozanne (1987) starring Steve Martin and Daryl Hannah. A touching romantic comedy based on *Cyrano de Bergerac*. Directed by Fred Shepisi

12.35am Film: Just Before Dawn (1980) staming George Kennedy. Chiller about a group of teenagers on a camping trip in Oregan who are terrorised by a hatchet-wielding mountain man. Directed

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8.00 Film: Tarzan's Desert Mystery (1943, b/w). Ape-man fans can follow their haro's footstape into the Sahara where he falls foul of a hazi plot while searching for a life-saving herb. Giant lizards and a huge spider present further challenges for Tarzan (Johnny Weismuller). Directed by William Thiele 9.20 Film: Les Girls (1957). Talent-gone-to-waste musical staming Gene Kelly, Ksy Kandatl and Mitzi Gaynor in a story about an ex-showgin who publishes her memoirs and is sued by a member of her old troupe. Music and lyrics by Cole Porter. Directed by George Cultor 11.10 How Are the Kids? A silent table about the only white boy in a class of black pupils. Music by Georges Delarue 11.20 Postman Pst. (r)

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The Unanswered Question: Leonard Bernstein at Harvard.
Continuing the saries of six lectures given by Bernstein at Harvard.
University in 1973. Beethoven's Symphony No 6 in F Major, the "Pastoral", is the vehicle for his flustrations of musical metaphor,

puns, anagrams and other figures of speech (r)

2.00 The Transformers: Socrates for Six Year Olds, Last of three films about the art of inspired teaching. American philosopher Matthew Lipman believes that conventional education is failing if it doesn't teach children to think, (Ceetax)

3.00 The George Cross, Highlights of a service at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, marking the 50th anniversary of the George Cross (A)

3.50 Raily Report 90. The story of the 1990 Lomberd RAC Raily told by William Woollard, Alan Douglas, Tony Mason and the *Top Gear*

4.30 Cricket: Second Test. Highlights of the third day's play in the game at Meltourne between Australia and England
5.00 Royal Institution Christmes Lectures. Professor Malcolm Longair
presents this year's lectures, the theme of which is the origin and
the evolution of the universe. The stars are the subject of this
second lecture which examines how they are born, how they

second lecture which examines how they are born, how they generate energy and how they die

6.00 Pitm: Pee-Wee's Big Adventure (1985). American cornedian Paul Raubens is Pee-Wee Herman, who takes to the road to recover his stolen bike. Wacky adventures follow that include a visit to the Alamo and a reincarnated truck driver called Large Marge. Directed by Tim Burton. (Ceefax)

7.30 Joyce Grenfell. The cornectenne and actress on stage, first shown in 1972, with William Blezard at the piano (r)

8.00 Arena: Lifepulse — A Natural Thriffer.

© CHOICE: In a post-Christmas special which may seem a strange subject for an aris programme. Arang offers a 90-minute film on the

subject for an arts programme, Arana offers a 90-minute film on the history of evolution. Eye-dazzling images of volcanoes, glaciers, deserts and rainforests take us from primeval swamps to the ceserts and raintorests take us from primeval swamps to the emergence of primetes and man, guided by only the sparsest of commentaries. You keep expecting Sir David Attenborough to turn up and explain it all but the jolly wildlife anchorman is nowhere to be seen. Without him, or at least some element of human guidance, it becomes a long and not always comprehensible journey. The visual quality of the film is often sensational but except for sequences of creatures fighting each other, the narrative content is slight. Lifepulse is directed by Keenan Smart, who worked with Attenborough on The Trials of Life and its inventive soundtrack, by a group called the Startled Insects, mixes

music with animal sounds A Life in Pieces. Sir Arthur Streeb-Greebling (Peter Cook) chooses ther third of his 12 Christmas gifts in the presence of Ludovic



A new life; Pelle Hvenegeard (left) and Max Von Sydow (9.35pm)

9.35 Film: Pelle the Conqueror (1988). Heartrending story about a father and son (Max Von Sydow and Pelle Hvenegaard) who travel to Denmark in search of a new life. The only work they find is as farm labourers but, as the old man's dreams fade, the young Pelle's resolve strangthers and he decides to break away in search of new horizons. Winner of the Palme d'Or and of an Oscar for Best Foreign Film. Directed by Bille August. (Danish film with

12.00 Film: The Paradine Case (1947, b/w). Gregory Peck is a lawyer who falls in love with his beautiful client (Alida Valli) but love blinds him to the truth. Vintage Hitchcock.

6.00 TV-am 9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man 9.50 Themes News and

weather

9.55 Film: Swiss Family Robinson (1960). Colourful adventure fantesy in which the Robinson family are excepting from Napoleon's regime in a ship bound for New Guines when they are forced on to rocks by pirates. Luckuly, they spy land and take supplies and animals ashore, build a salubnous spit-level tree house and live happily are after Starrent who Asia and Donothy McGuine Directed the ever after. Starring John Mills and Dorothy McGuire. Direc 12.25 Home and Away 12.55 Thames News and weather

1.00 News at One with John Sucher. Weather
1.20 Film: Freaky Friday (1976). Family entertainment in which precocous teenager Jodie Foster and medicap Berbara Hams suchange bodies for one day. Directed by Gary Nelson
3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young

Doctors. Australian medical soap 3.55 Film: Out of the Darkness (1985). Based on John Hoyland's *The* hy Gartand, a challing story about a woman and her two children who visit a Derbysture cottage where in 1865 at the height of the great plague a young boy met his death. Starring Gary Halladay and Emma Ingham. Directed by John Krish 5.10 Home and Away (r) 5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather 5.55 LWT News and executer.

and weather 6.15 Hollywood's Hidden Heroes. A look behind the scenes at the

5.15 Polywood's Process A look behind the scenes at the stant people who do the dirty work for Hollywood's stars
7.00 Family Fortunes Hogmanay. Les Dennis hoets a special Hogmanay show from north of the Border with the Smith family from Glasgow against the Nisbets from Hamilton and the prizes all going to Scottish charities
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Watching. Pam and Mrs. Street, fool that Malacles is not began

8.00 Watching. Pam and Mrs Stoneway feel that Malcolm is not being looked after properly and the two figure out a possible solution
 8.30 Film: Fatal Confession (1987). In this lightweight whodunnit, Tom Bosley stars as Father Frank Dowling, a perish priest who has a special balant of solving crimes. Directed by Christopher Hober. (Oracle)

10.20 News with Sendy Gall. Weather 10.30 LWT News and weather



A personal review of the arts: Salman Rushdie (10.35pm)

 CHOICE: Salman Rushdie makes one of his rare public appearances to join the panel assembled by Melvyn Bragg to look back on the year in the arts. Each of the pundits, who also include A.S. Byatt, Jane Glover, Linda Agran and Ned Sherrin, is given a five minute soep box from which to hold forth on what has excited them most and in some cases least. The talk is punctuated by extracts from Stephen Sondheim's Into the Woods and the play Burn This, featuring the explosive performance from John Malkovich. Balancing these American imports is an athletic solo from the Soviet dancer Irek Mukhamedov, who has just joined the Royal Ballet from the Bolshoi, while Inspiral Carpets represent the Manchester pop explosion. The strangest contribution is a specially commissioned dance from Lea Anderson, performed by

two groups, one male and one female, with very long and improbable names. Followed by News headlines 12.35am Film: Urban Cowboy (1980). An emotional tale of rivalry and misunderstanding between a man and a woman. Bud Davis arrives in Houston, Texas, and quickly immerses himself in the town's famous honky-tonk ber, Gilley's, where he meets Sissy. The two many but feelings turn sour when he refuses to let her rice the bar's mechanical rodeo. Starring Debra Winger and John Travolta. Directed by James Bridges

3.05 Film: The Roman Spring of Mrs Stone (1961). Vivien Leigh plays Karen Stone, an ageing widowed actress who lounges around in Rome, finding entertainment in toy boy Warren Beatty. Adapted from Tennessee Williams's first novel, the film veers between the unbelievable and the seedy and is only saved from mediocrity by a stunning performance by Lotte Lenya as a wicked old procurer Directed by Jose Quintero 5.00 Film: The Little Troll Prince (1987). Animated, made-for-television

musical set in Norway. Directed by Ray Patterson 5.55 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Soothing music and natural scenery 6.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily 9.25 Sesame Street. Educational fun for pre-school children

10.25 Batman and Robin (b/w). In episode five the dynamic duo go in search of a secret formula 10.45 The Adventures of TinTin.

11.00 Things To Come. Malcolm Bennett and Penny Southgate look into

the future (r)
11.30 Tony Jacklin's Pro Celebrity Golf Challenge. Another round in

sportsmen v entertainers contest from Le Touquet, France. ests are Nigel Manselt and Jimmy Tarbuck

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11.30 Film: Scrooge (1935, b/w). The story of Ebenezer Scrooge, the
miserly merchant in Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol, starring
Sir Seymour Hicks. Directed by Henry Edwards

2.00 Pet World. Dublin vet John Wilson assesses the value of pet



nents of the mousy and the demonic: W.C. Fields (3.05pm)

3.05 Film: The Bank Dick (1940, b/w). CHOICE. If fans of W.C. Fields were to be shipwrecked on a desert island with only one of his films, The Bank Dick would probably be the popular choice. It is the best of his later pictures and the one that most comprehensively captures the essence of Freidian humour. The playwright Peter Barnes has perceptively divided Fields's film roles into the mousy (where he plays the henpecked husband) and the demonic (where he plays the huckster and the fraud). The Bank Dick combines elements of both Written by Fields under the height houseast elements of

both. Written by Fields under the typically extravagant pseudornym of Mahatma Kane Jeeves, it is a fast-moving string of gags adding up to what Barnes calls "every middle-class male's Walter Mitty tantasy - that any, lazy, incompetent bank employee with an obnoxious wife and children can be a hero, financial genius, great writer. Hollywood director, bon vivant and generally good all-round

4.25 Faerie Tale Theatre: Thumbelina. Carrie Fisher is the tiny child no bigger than a woman's thumb in this Shelley Duvall production of the Hans Christian Andersen classic. (Teletext) 5.25 American Football: Red 42

5.55 The Further Adventures of Billy The Fish

6.00 Happy Days. American series about Fifties high-school life 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests are Sir David Steel, Jill Morrel, founder of Friends of John McCarthy, and footballer John Fashanu

7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi, (Teletext)

7.50 First Reaction. Celebrities from the entertainment world tackle controversial subjects. Followed by Weather 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a Liverpool close. (Teletext)

8.30 Eye 2 Eye. The panel game that tests the contestants' eye for style. French designer Philippe Starck shows off his new toothbrush and is joined by contestants Paul Mortey (record and television producer), Anthony H. Wilson, design journalist Lucia Van Der Post, designer Nigel Coats and cartoonist Michael Heath 9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Television newsroom comedy. This final episode sees the realisation of the news team's ultimate goal — a lets ber extension and en interior writing the principles.

state bar extension and an interview with the prime minister (r)

9.30 The Further Adventures of Bilty The Fish. A compilation

9.45 The Golden Girls. US comedy with the mature Miami matrons.

After an accident during a gallbladder operation, Rose (who else could it happen to?) has to wait 72 hours to hear the results of an Aide test. (Colorador) Aids test. (Teletext)

10.15 Film: Outrageous Fortune (1967). Comedy starring Bette Midler and Shelley Long, who are involved in an improbable search for the man who has been two-timing them. The two female leads (a starlet of porn-films and a trendy drama student) have completely different values, which creates the best comic moments. Excellent upbeat comedy directed by Arthur Hiller

12.10am Chimese Ghost Stories: Mr Vampire (1986). Jonathan Ross introduces another film in the season of fantasy films from the Far East. An entirely new view of the vampire legend, sometimes very furny, in which the living dead move about by short hops. The story is broadly about a Chinese family who are being menaced by a group of vampire-zombies with a moture of martial arts, chills and thrills thrown in. Directed by Lau Kun Wai. Ends at 1.55

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Midnight-7.05am Test Match Special (MW only): Austrelia v England. Third day of the second Test 6.55 Weather and News Headlines

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8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Offenbach (La Belle Hélène,

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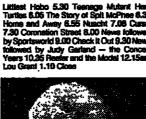
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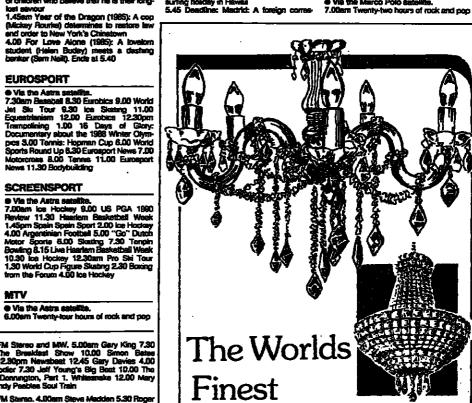
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Statkin performs Stravinsky
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503); Elgar (Veriations on an
Original Theme, Op 36,
Erigma)

1.00pm News

1.05 Noves Fludde

• CHOKICE: Bear in mind, as
you listen to Britten's
children's opera, recorded
during this year's Prom
season, that every other seat
in the Albert Hall that night
was occupied by a jumor in the Albert Hall that night was occupied by a junior Prom-goer, and that a fair percentage were probably making their first contact with a musical form they had only heard about, it was a voyage of discovery; history in the making, and very exciting to be a part of. Donaid Maxwell, Della Jones, and Cleo Laine were the solvists. Like were the soloists. Like Finchley Children's Music Group and the New London Orchestra, they were cheered to the echo

2.00 Soundings (r) 3.00 Youth Orchestras of the O Youth Orchestras of the World: At the Aberdeen International Youth Fastival, the Estonia Youth Chamber Strings under Peter Paemurru performs Mozart (Divertimento in D, K 136); Haydin (Concerto in C), Arvo Part (Cantus in

RADIO 3 Memory of Benjamin Britten -original version); John Joubert
(Temps perdu, Variations for
string orchestra); Britten
(Simple Symphony); Rudolf
Tobias (Noctume)

4.45 All the World's a Globe:
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5.00 Bath Feetival 1990: The pienist
Cécile Ousset plays Chopin
(Ballade No 1 in G minor, Op
23; No 2 in F, Op 38; No 3 in A
flat, Op 47; No 4 in F minor,
Op 52): Debussy (Preludes,
Book 2), incl 5.35 Interval
Reacting 6.30 The Music Maker: lan Carr examines the career of the trumpeter Miles Davis

7.00 News
7.05 Wolpert Conversations: The Welrdest of Fancies. Sheldon Glashow of Hauvard University talks with Lowis Wolpert (r)
7.30 Visitors to the Proms: Royal Vasions to the Protes. Protes Concertgebouw Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly performs Schuber/Berio (The Rendering): Mahler (Das Lied von der Erde: Jard van Nes, mezzo, Gosta Winbergh, tenny)

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subtrited "Desire and Abuse" and "A Political Statement in the Form of Hysteria", is also a European learnert, is also inche (Domine Jesu Chinste); Morates (O magnum misterium); Escober (Virgen bendta sin per); Guerrero (Sancta et immaculata virginitias); Rivarfrosta (Anima mea); Victoria (O Regem coeli; Una hora; Duo saraptum; Tenebrae factae sunt), 10.25 A Journey to Jenusalem. Extracts from Raymond Calcraft's translations of Francisco Guerrero's account of his travels to the Hoty Land in 1588. 10.40 Vidal (Fugltivo pajanillo); March (O vos omens); Cererole (Mess; Alarmal); Julia (Toedet animam meam); Viola (Benaurats els qui viuen); Casanovas (Liviuen); Casanovas

Handel (r)
11.55-7.05am Test Match Special (MW only): Australia v England, Fourth day of the

second Test 12.30am News (FM only)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing; Weather 6.10
Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for
the Day (s) 6.30 Conversation
Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to
Bert Massie, director of the
Royal Association for Disability
and Rehabilitation (r)
7.00 Today, Incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
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2.00 News; Women's Hour looks
back at life in the Thirties
3.00 News; Classic Seriel: The
Forsyte Chronicles: A 23-part
adaptation of John
Gelsworthy's saga (13) (s) (r)
4.00 News; The Ring: The thrills of
the circus, recorded at the
Tower Circus, Blackgool
4.30 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson in
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4.30 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson in conversation with a group of soil-drivers (r)
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6.15 The Village: Life in a smell rural community (final part)
6.30 And Now, in Colour Xmea Special: Comedy, songs and sketches (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week (s)
8.05 The Moral Maze: Michael

Buerk chairs an investigation into the moral differentias behind the week's news (s) 8.50 No Son of Ours Will Be an Usherette

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nomenciature), the old cinemas that he buys up all over the country are what continue to make him tingle with pride 25 years after entering the cinema resuscitation business. "You're talking to a national institution," he tells interviewer Carole Rosen and in this delightful feature about an unabashed enthusiast there is a formidable literry of place names — Crewe, Pontefract, Devizes and Worthing — to prove that the

Worthing - to prove that the Cannons and the Odeons are not having it all their own w 9.15 Kaleidoscope: The South African novelist Christopher Hope meets cultural exiles who must make the decision about returning to their nati

11.25 The Biz Quiz: Business journelists and City economists battle over the stories that rooked the markets in 1990 (a)
11.45 Under the Weather: With the help of the BBC sound archives, climatologist Mick Kely remembers the drought of 1976, in his continuing examination of the British and their weather (2 of 3) (f)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather
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11.00 Year Ending: Satirical review of the year's news (s)
11.25 The Bz Quiz: Business Journalists and City

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Labour readies charter aimed at freedom of information

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

to repeal the Official Secrets Act and to legislating for freedom of information early in a first Labour parliament.

The legislation would be designed to change the climate so that information is freely available unless disclosure infringes personal privacy or national security. instead of keeping information secret unless it is forced into the

The policy launch by Roy

Hanersley, Labour's deputy leader, will seek to demonstrate how civil liberties and freedom of expression have been eroded during Margaret Thatcher's 11 years as prime minister. The charter of rights will also

commit a Labour government to: Making the security services accountable to a Commons committee of senior MPs.

☐ Extending the rights of personal privacy, including tougher data protection legislation. ☐ Providing stricter anti-

Army ready to seek call of reservists

Continued from page 1 home," he said. "I think it's bloody marvellous what people have done.

Once the skills of the volunteers had been assessed, the shortfall could be quantified and those with specific skills selected to be called up. "Then we shall have to revert, if we have still established we are short, to compulsory call-up," he said. "For that we need secretary of state approval, which we do not have. We shall, from the army point of view, press for the authority we need to call up the numbers we need as soon as possible."

General Pascoe said he would want all recruits to begin training together on January 2. Family difficulties, the prospect of lower pay and the question of job security were reasons why more people had not come forward, although steps had been taken to ensure civilian jobs would stay open.

Most of these who volunteered yesterday will go to the Gulf. A few Germany. At the Royal Army Medical Corps Centre, near Aldershot, yesterday volunteers were given a medical and issued with army clothing.

LABOUR is to unveil a charter of discrimination laws for women, rights next month committing it ethnic minorities and other vulnerable groups. ☐ The absolute right to join a

> trade union. ☐ A new press body to control invasions of privacy by the media.

☐ The right to peaceful assembly: The freedom of information leg-islation would be modelled on the principles enshrined in the American constitution to prevent the suppression of information solely because disclosure would be politically embarrassing or difficult. It would guarantee immunity from prosecution for public servants who disclose confidential information that it is in the public's interest to know.

Mr Hattersley has already backed the Calcutt report in calling for a new, tougher, voluntary press body. He will argue that reputable journalists have nothing to fear, but that the antics of elements of the tabloid press need more powerful controls. If any newspapers continue to flout the rulings of the voluntary body, Labour will be committed to introducing statutory controls to protect the privacy of individuals. A distinction will be made

between those who choose to be public figures and the ordinary private citizen. Mr Hattersley also wants a set of class actions or precedents to guide those subjected to discrimination on the grounds of sex, colour or creed. The Commission for Racial Equality and the Equal Opportunities Commission would be given tougher powers to act against discrimination.

A Commons committee set up by a Labour government to scrutinise the security services would have strictly defined terms of reference to protect security. It would aim to convince the public that the services' activities are kept under check. The government's refusal to set up a scrutiny committee under the recent security services legislation is seen by Labour as a "major flaw".

 Proposals for outlawing hunting with hounds have been drawn up by Labour (Michael McCarthy writes). The proposals are likely to feature early in a Labour programme, but the party is committed to a free vote on the issue in

The document, Cruelty in the Countryside, will propose a new mammal, which would end organised staghunting, foxhunting and hare coursing. Fishing and the shooting of game birds are excluded.



A walk in the park: the Queen and Prince Edward out for a ride in the 200,000-acre estate at Sandringham yesterday. The Queen, astride a chestnut mount, galloped across corn stubble fields as the Christmas gales subsided for the royal riders

Attack on border crossing ends truce by IRA

THE provisional IRA let just 20 minutes clapse after the expiry of its unilateral 72-hour Christmas

ceasefire before opening fire on a

border crossing. Pleas by church leaders, together with British, Irish and American political figures and others for the truce to become permanent, were rejected shortly after midnight with a burst of shots aimed at the permanent border checkpoint at Annathmore near Roslea in County Ferman-

agh. The soldiers manning the checkpoint which is closed to traffic during the hours of dark-ness suffered no injury. They returned fire at their attackers without claiming any hits and the gunmen are thought to have slipped away south into the

republic. The Provisionals attempted to destroy the Annathmore checkpoint last month with a "human bomb" attack involving the biggest device found in Northern

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Ireland's 20-year emergency. It contained over 3,000lb of explosives but only the detonator went off and it caused no casualties.

A few hours before yesterday's gun attack two prominent Irish-American politicians and congressman, Joe Kennedy and the mayor of Boston, Raymond Flynn, had jointly urged the Provisionals to extend their truce. They offered their services in attempting to get negotiations under way between the British

government and the Republican

They sent identical telegrams to the Northern Ireland secretary, Peter Brooke, and to Sinn Fein's so-called "foreign affairs department".

An NIO spokesman said Mr Brooke had no comment to make on the offers from Messrs Kennedy and Flynn but added: "Northeren Ireland welcomes the interest and support of people of goodwill anywhere."

Five more days of gales are forecast

Continued from page 1 affected by drifting snow or flooding.

Couples planning to get married at Gretna Green could not get there yesterday because of snow. As a result, the total number of weddings there in 1990 was likely to be six short of the record 1,478 in the village during 1988.

Meanwhile, the Northern Ireland Electricity Service tried to restore power to homes in Tyrone, Fermanagh and Armagh. Police in Northern Ireland said that driving conditions for high-sided vehicles. particularly on motorways, were treacherous. The Glenshane Pass on the Belfast-Derry road was "extremely dangerous" because of ice and blizzards.

In Wales, the Cleddau bridge was closed to high-sided vehicles. Motoring organisations warned drivers in the Midlands to beware of fallen trees and branches brought down by high winds. Police said that extra caution was needed on motorways because of cross winds.

A lobster fisherman was believed last night to have become the latest man lost at sea from the fishing communities on the Moray coast of Scotland. David Main. aged 70, was from Hopeman, the village from which the Premier sailed before sinking off the coast of Shetland with the loss of six lives a formight ago. Mr Main is believed to have sailed from the port over Christmas to set pots.

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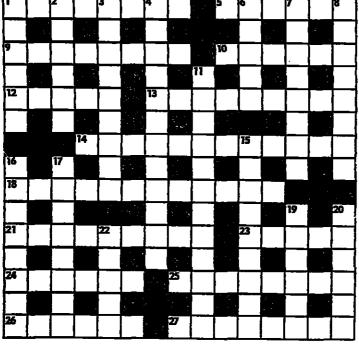
A long-range RAF helicopter took part in the third Atlantic rescue operation of the holiday period when it winched to safety three crew members from a Spanish trawler that foundered in high seas. The helicopter crew at RAF Brawdy, Dyfed, was alerted at 5am after a Mayday message was received from the vessel 170 miles southwest of Ireland.

North Sea workers were evacnated from their platforms after a rig support vessel became stranded in a gas field in storm force winds. The gas rig support vessel, Oakleigh, was tossed around the Audrey gas field, 65 miles off the Humberside coast, for more than four hours until rescue workers managed to attach a line to the

craft and tow it to shore. A gang of drug smugglers is thought to have perished in the North Sea after £100,000 of cannabis was found washed up on a Suffolk beach. A wrecked dinghy, which had been reported stolen, was found a few miles away. Police in Leiston, Suffolk, said that they were expecting a body or bodies to be washed up.

A storm has made Statoil, the Norwegian state oil firm, cut production at the Statford oilfield in the North Sea by more than half after the had weather prevented tankers from docking at the site.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,488



ACROSS

- 1 In retrospect, treatment almost beat illness (3.2,3.). 5 Fruits for Joyce (3-3).
- 9 Recommend a lawyer (8).
- 10 Antiquated vessel sunk in defeat 12 Make a note of little number (5). 13 Kids' mother responsible for attack on child-minder (5-4).
- 14 Sailors whistle to get some полеу (5.3.4). 18 Slight indisposition to bear (4.8). 21 Water-clock worked in dry
- places (9). 23 Big jar, by the sound of it (5). 24 The Spanish still provide a team
- 25 Philip and Edward have to shut

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26 Low fellow put forward (6). 27 I'll get an appointment after one in order to overrun (8).

1 You'll find in Miami a smatter-

ing of pollution (6). 2 Hurriedly leave the Middle East

3 Ring English officer, a redcap,

on a ship (9). 4 Declining to answer, does with-draw (3,4,5).

6 Shot, in some pain (5). 7 Famous choir - it's disbanded

8 We will take trouble to get

comfortable (4-2-2). One seat held by people in the

Establishment (12). 15 "The Last of The Revenger" adapted for the box, for example

16 I cry when you're listening, sweet (3-5).

17 Change I give a close friend (5.3). 19 Lady carrying on home for gentlemen (6).

20 Case not in position (6). 22 Scandinavian vegetable (5).

Concise crossword, page 13

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard BIBLE BODS

DAMARIS a. A faithful serving woman b. An Athenian convert
 c. A militant prophetess **JETHRO**

a. A minor prophet b. Son of Jacob c. A Midianite priest BARTHOLOMEW

a. An apostic b. A centurion

c. A publican and sinner DRUSILLA a. A Roman conver

b. An early feminist c. Wife of Felix

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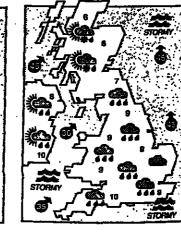
South-eastern parts of Eng-land will start dry with rain developing during the afternoon. Wales and the rest of England will have a wet start, becoming more showery later in the day with heavy rain in the West. Scotland and Northern Ireland will start cloudy, clearing from the south. The showers will be frequent and heavy at times, turning to sleet or snow over the high ground of Scotland. Windy everywhere with some gales. Outlook: windy with wintry showers. MATING GAIDGIA ABROAD



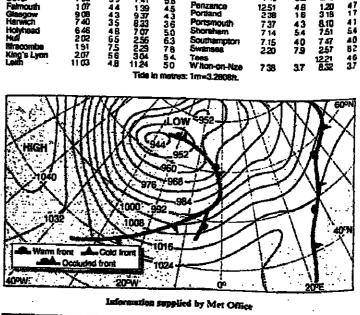
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BUSINESS

Executive Editor David Brewerton

share deals all over US

A DANGEROUS chemical fire stopped share dealing throughout America for 90 minutes. A massive explosion in a transformer in the lower Manhattan financial district sent flames shooting eight stories high and showered fire fighters with polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs (writes Philip Robinson).

The building, which houses stockbrokers Shearson Lehman Hutton, Chemical Bank, other financial firms, and the key computer equipment which matches share deals at both American and New York stock exchanges, was shut off for several hours yesterday.

Environmental officials cordoned the area until it had been rendered PCB-free, effectively stopped trading. It resumed at 11 am New York time and officials reported no damage to the equipment. Other American markets stopped trading until New York reopened. page 20

Icahn hints at bid retraction

TWA's Carl Icahn hinted he would not bid \$375 million for Pan American Corporation if it sold its Boston-New York-Washington commuter shut-

Pan Am has refused to comment on newspaper reports it is poised to sell the shuttle service for \$150 million to Northwest Airlines. Mr Icahn said yesterday he was not consulted about any pos-sible sale and first learned of it from newspaper reports.

Mr Icahn told Thomas Plaskett, Pa Am chairman, in a letter that one of the conditions of the offer was there be " no material adverse change in Pan Am such as bankruptcy, a sale of assets for less than fair value, defaults in major borrowings or obligations, or other similar events".

Levitt sale

The insurance broking business of Levitt Group (Holdings), the financial services company taken into administration on December 11, has been sold to its management for an undisclosed price, iois KPMG Pe Marwick McLintock said. The company will revert to its former name of Chambers and Newman.

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Closing Prices ... Page 21 INTEREST RATES

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 28 1990 Wall Street | CBI underlines bleak struggle of holding down pay deals



Banham: jobs warning

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR CLEAR signs that employers and the government will find considerable difficulty in pushing down the level of pay settlements are given in the latest figures on wage deals from the Confederation of British Industry.

When figures from the Pay Databank were published in October, the CBI claimed that the provisional estimate for pay settlements in manufacturing in the three months to September was the first evidence of deals

starting to move down. in today's Databank figures, however, the CBl has had to revise upwards estimates of settlement levels for the last quarter to October, and for the quarter before that. Though the revisions are only marginal, they indicate that pay pressure in the economy is

still running at a high level. Though today's CBI survey does not include any data on settlements in the final quarter of this year, CBI leaders admit privately that the figures are unlikely to show much of a decline when they are published in the new year.

The CBI had estimated that settlements in

the third quarter were 8.5 per cent, down from 8.9 per cent the previous quarter. Independent pay analysts suggested that the CBI's figures were not in line with those produced by other pay monitoring bodies, and seemed too low.

CBI leaders acknowledged internally that their first provisional figure had been based

on a relatively small number of settlements. Today's figures revise the quarterly total up-wards to 8.6 per cent. The figure for the previous quarter is also increased to 9 per cent. While this means the CBI is still charting a

fall in settlements, ministers' enthusiasm for what the CBI figures are showing will be tempered by the fact that the revisions are, for them, going the wrong way.

That feeling will be increased by the CBI's provisional figures in the same report that show an actual increase in pay settlements in the service sector. Pay deals in private sector service companies, in such areas as catering, financial services, leisure, transport and retailing, were running at 9 per cent in the second half. This is higher than the 8.9 per cent for the first half, though the CBI points out that this is lower than the figure for a year

before of 9.2 per cent.
Commenting on its latest figures, the CBI notes that manufacturers' estimates on productivity growth are now at 4.5 per cent, down to the lowest figure since it started collecting this information three years ago. The CBI says that to maintain an internationally competitive position, settlements last year would need to have been contained to no more than 2 per cent above productivity growth. Since only a third of British manufac-turers achieved this target, the CBI gives a warning that in a recession, such figures indicate further redundancies. What it sees as a slowdown in earnings growth must continue, the CBI says, in order to stop the rising tide of redundancies turning into a flood.

John Banham, CBI director general, said:

"The growth in unemployment can only accelerate unless lower pay settlements lead inflation downwards." He added: "If such recklessness prevails, there will be needless job losses, bringing bleak prospects to thousands of families in the new year."

Economists see devaluation or rise in rates

By Colin Narbrough and Graham Searjeant

terest rate rise or a devaluation of the pound next

end-of-year report. The report comes as two senior bankers voiced fears that there is little the government can do to prevent a fullincrease in business failures before the economy shows any sign of recovery.

Oxford forecasts that the trade deficit, after narrowing well into next year, will deteriorate again and upset the for- to 1993. eign exchanges. OEF attri-

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THE government could butes the worsening of the does not recover quickly from face the awkward pre- current account to renewed its current depths, there could election choice of an in- domestic demand as the econ-

OEF also predicts the economy will shrink 0.3 per cent year, Oxford Economic next year. The forecast as-Forecasting predicts in an sumes an election will be next year, mainly because of the greater economic risk in waiting until 1992.

The main danger is the vulnerable financial position blown recession and a sharp of the company sector, OEF says. Despite sustained cuts in investment, the financial imbalance facing industrial and commercial companies remains more than £20 billion throughout the forecast period

"If business confidence

Gloomy outlook

By OUR CITY STAFF

been shed through redun- vehicles, shows the companies

3,451 member firms this year, period, with a majority

survey, conducted in mid in business.

interest rates.

well be much more aggressive action by companies to reduce this deficit.

"Such action would certainly prolong and probably deepen the current recession," the forecast says.

Whatever government emerges after the election, OEF believes it will have to establish its anti-inflationary credentials with the markets by moving to narrow fluctuation bands in the exchangerate mechanism and declaring a new central rate close to DM2.80.

"A period of higher interest rates is likely to cement these credentials, with base rate back over 13.5 per cent for a time in 1992." In the next few months, OEF sees a gradual of monetary

Meanwhile, two senior bankers have issued separate warnings. Charles Winter, chief executive of the Royal Bank of Scotland, said: "Nei-BRITAIN'S road freight and Mr Stanley said the survey ther interest rate cuts nor the cused British courts of leaving printing industries face a bleak confirmed the need for a fall in inflation will be suf-1991, according to industry "substantial and early" cut in ficient to boost the economy and re-stimulate manufac Road freight is also ex- turing industry during 1991."

deepening recession, a study by the British Printing Industries Federation shows. Seven thousand jobs, equal to 5.6 per solutions and jobs and j Sir Nicholas Goodison likely to prove worse than in cent of the workforce, have more than 155,000 goods 1980-81.

dancy by the federation's are forecasting at best a flat have the fat they had then. "Companies today don't They are leaner and fitter. In the gloomiest quarterly expecting no change, or a fall Also, the effect of falling demand is biting earlier than it Forty-seven per cent expect normally does.

business levels to remain sta- Sir Nicholas said business presentative companies work- tic, with 16 per cent expecting was less able now than ten ing below capacity. A seasonal to move less goods than this years ago to cut costs in order uplift in activity, expected in year. However, 37 per cent do to cope with recessionary the autumn, failed to occur. expect a small increase in pressures.

Colin Stanley, BPIF director general, said: "Three expect to reduce their fleet size hold out much hope of Britmonths ago, 22 per cent of our next year. Some specialist ain's economy starting to members thought that trade transport companies are ex- show signs of recovery until would be down in the final pecting a fall in demand of the end of next year. "It is quarter. In reality, 48 per cent more than 15 per cent com- going to get worse in the coming months," he said.



All quiet at the City's nerve centre: even the Bank of England, right, lacked visitors at midday yesterday

Complaint by Nadir over jail treatment

Ankara ASIL NADIR, the chairman of the collapsed Polly Peck International empire, has achim to rot in prison on false charges.

"Leaving people to decay in jails for ten to 15 years on made-up evidence is not unknown in Britain," Mr Nadir said in an interview with one of the newspapers he owns in Turkey.

He added: "That is British justice's treatment of me." Mr Nadir was freed from five days in custody on December 20 after raising record bail of £3.5 million. He faces a second court hearing on January 28 and is not allowed to leave London.

The police are enquiring into 18 counts of theft and false accounting against Mr Nadir, allegedly involving £25 million.

Mr Nadir denies illegal dealing to support Polly Peck shares, which lost £2 billion in value before trading was suspended on September 20. Mr Nadir described his jail cell as not fit for a pig.

"In British jails, they pay prisoners awaiting trial £1.45 a week to spend at the canteen," said Mr Nadir, who built Polly Peck into one of the hottest stocks of the Eighties.

"I was also given the money. I was happy. At the end of my 23 hours in the cell, I was allowed to go to the canteen.

"I demanded two packs of cigarettes, a pack of candy, two colas, a bottle of soda and a box of matches.

"The canteen man said to me: 'Are you kidding? You can only buy 13 cigarettes with this money. For the matches, try next week'."

Lloyd's capacity for underwriting to reach £11.4bn

By Jonathan Prynn

been paid all round.

John Wetherell, next year's

UNDERWRITING capacity energy risks have risen. The at Lloyd's is poised to reach a renewal season will be rather record of £11.4 billion next extended but, by the end of it, year, according to provisional I expect higher rates to have vear-end figures published by the market.

The capacity figure marks chairman of Lloyds' Under-an increase of £400 million writers' Non-Marine Associover this year and follows ation, said that there was clear several years of unchanged or evidence of rate increases in declining capacity. This year many classes of non-marine the number of underwriting business. "Poor recent results members or names continued coupled with extremely scarce to fall, with 2,150 resignations and expensive reinsurance against only 254 new mem- premiums augur a harder bers beginning underwriting at market during 1991," he said. the start of next year. This will bring the number of names at

against 32,433 at the peak in 1988. crease came from the record 6,329 names that will in their premium limits for next year. The average premium limit for names next year will be £385,000, against £350,000

Lloyd's down to 26,534

last year and £251,000 for resigning names. David Coleridge, the in-coming chairman of Lloyd's, who has argued that additional capacity will be needed to meet the rise in the insurance cycle in the early Nineties, said: "The increase in capacity comes at an opportune time for Lloyd's since all the indications are that the market is hardening at last and premium rates are rising com-

years." Most sections of the market have reported higher rates during this year's renewal season. Derek Wills, chairman of Lloyd's Underwriters' Association, which represents the marine market, said: "The reinsurance market is consid-(Reuter) erably tighter and some

pared with the last three

City stretches its holiday another day

THE City of London limped back into life as most dealers decided to make a week of the Christmas break.

In the equity market it took until Ipm for turnover to pass 100 million shares, half the normal number.

Among the sectors favoured by the market were brewers. The most actively traded were Trusthouse Forte, Trafalgar House, Ladbroke, WH Smith, Courtaulds, BICC, Tarmac, Kingfisher and Boots.

Only a burst in the last 90 minutes helped lift turnover close to 180 million shares. An expected rush to sell by private investors in the electricity distributors failed to

Excellent Tessa start, says Lamont

pared with this year.

for savers will get off to an account over the full five excellent start, according to years. Norman Lamont, the Chan-

Tax-exempt special savings accounts were introduced by John Major, Mr Lamont's predecessor, in his "Budget for Savers" in March and will open for business next Tues-

Savers can invest up to a maximum of £9,000 over the five-year life of a bank or customers. building society Tessa, with up to £3,000 in the first year excellent start. I am sure that Interest remains free of tax as savings habit."

THE tax-free Tessa schemes long as the capital is left in the

"This is an important measure which will encourage taxpayers to save," said Mr Lamont in a statement.

"The scheme is convenient, flexible and simple. I am pleased to see that many banks and building societies have chosen to introduce this new savings product for their

and up to £1,800 in later years. they will help to cultivate the



Lamont: important measure

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Nissan to cut ties with UK distributor

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

NISSAN Motor Company of Japan has given notice that it is to sever links with Nissan UK, its sole distributor in Britain, and may set up a new dealer network within 12 months. It alleged breaches of contract by Nissan UK. A spokesman for Nissan UK, a privately owned company which sold 138,000 Nissan vehicles worth £950 million last year, called the notice

"totally invalid and without any legal foundation". The confrontation comes after five years of growing acrimony. Two weeks ago, Octav Botnar, chairman of Nissan UK, offered for the second time in five years to sell the company to its Japanese supplier. In the autumn, he complained about the

price he was charged for Primera, Nissan's latest British-built saloon. Nissan Motor Company an-

nounced yesterday it would terminate existing agreements, but was offering continuing arrangement until December 31, 1991.

Yoshikazu Kawana managing director for European operations, said: "Events have demonstrated that NUK is not prepared to abide by the legal agreements between our companies and that the matter cannot be remedied by private discussion.

"Nor do we feel that we can give serious consideration to the offer to sell NUK's business to us, given that extremely protracted negotiations on this matter have taken place before when NUK's position resulted in failure to conclude an agreement." A company spokesman said plans

were in hand for "a new set up" in place of the network of 400 dealers appointed by NUK. In a statement, NUK said it

"strenuously refutes" allegations by NMC about its performance. A spokesman added: "Nissan UK has offered in good faith the opportunity for Nissan of Japan to acquire an interest in, and eventually total ownership of, our company. No substantive response or discussions have followed this offer, which is still on the table."

NUK has sold more than 1.9 million Nissan vehicles in Britain during the past 21 years, building Nissan a 6 per cent share of the newcar market. It claimed to have the right to sell all Nissan vehicles in Britain 'in perpetuity". NMC denies that. In 1987, 70 per cent of Nissan Financial Group Holdings (AFG), a company of which Mr Botnar is also chairman and managing director. AFG owns many Nissan franchises in Britain. It is 70 per cent owned by Union Bank of Switzerland.

NMC said yesterday the transfer of control without consultation was a breach of its contract with NUK. NMC also said NUK had breached the contract by delaying a £6 million payment for Primera cars. The contract between the companies provides for arbitration in Japan by a third party. NUK said several matters had already been referred to arbitration.

NMC and NUK blamed each other vesterday for the breakdown of takeover talks in 1986. Britain is the only European country in which Nissan does not control its own distribution.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

sale represented a tidying up of affairs.

The net book value of the assets is £700,000. The proceeds

UK uncertainty frustrates Swiss plan to buy part of Harwell

By Colin Narbrough

government's research estab-lishment at Harwell, Oxford-international concern about shire, under a \$40 million plan environmental problems. to create a world centre for environmental safety testing.

industry are understood to have made it difficult for the Swiss to make headway alternative targets in Europe. through discreet approaches to British officials.

One fear, is that the uncertainty arising from the

Surveillance (SGS), which operates a worldwide network of laboratories for inspecting and analysing agricultural and industrial products, has made industrial products, has made the Atomic Energy Authority, Harwell has cut its staff by 1,200 to just over 3,000. The businesses are about the Environmental year-old laboratory and concased on non-nuclear environmental work.

SGS, has an annual revenue of about SwFr2 billion (£806 he was not surprised. A million) and a staff of 23,000. spokesman for SGS's subsid-The SGS board, which includes Fritz Leutwiler, former president of the Swiss Central contacted to comment.

A SWISS company has been Bank, has recognised imtrying to buy part of the portant growth markets for

The Swiss company has identified Harwell as a poten-But uncertainties over the tial centre for its environgovernment's intentions for mental operations, building the United Kingdom Atomic on its high international Energy Authority after the standing. But having failed to privatisation of the electricity extract a response to approaches at ministerial level, SGS is likely to consider

The Société Générale de privatisation programme urveillance (SGS), which op-could lead to scientists leaving Harwell in large numbers.

Under the restructuring of component businesses are Safety Centre at Harwell, a 20- under government instructions to show a profit or face sultancy service of world further shrinkage. The ESC standing. The centre is fo- employs about 40 scientists.

An Atomic Energy Authority spokesman was unaware of the SGS approaches, but said iary at Camberley, Surrey, said executives could not be

WORLD MARKET INDICES

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edge back

New York BLUE chips recovered from slim losses and achieved gains in the late morning. The start of trading was delayed until Ham because of an early morning fire in Manhattan.

Shares generally had opened weaker on renewed economic worries, highlighted by a steep (10.5 per cent) drop in November's durable goods orders. The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 3 points to 2,640.13.

● Tokyo - Prices closed firmer in light trading after a short-lived rally in the afternoon faded on profit-taking and worries about the Gulf. The Nikkei index rose 53.14 points to 23,940.70. (Reuter) information group, which

Britain leads in takeovers

BRITAIN was the world's most acquisitive nation in 1990, carrying out 504 cross-border deals with a \$29.2

billion aggregate value.

Britain's tally nudged
America, with 483 cross-border deals valued at \$23.6 million, into second place, according to a merger and acquisition activity survey by Securities Data, the Newark, New Jersey, data group. In the British M&A market,

Kleinwort Benson and Schroders, the merchant banks, led the field in terms of worth and number of deals. Kleinwort Benson handled 55 worth \$17.6 billion in 1990, while Schroders handled 57, valued at \$7.9 billion. Goldman Sachs emerged as the world's lead adviser with 162 deals, valued at \$48.3 billion.

Citicorp service charges to soar

Customers of Citicorp, America's largest bank, will pay almost 70 per cent more for some services from Tuesday to help pay for loss of earnings on property, management buyout and third world loans.

Problem debts mean Citicorp will lose up to \$400 million in the fourth quarter and slash its dividend next year by 44 per cent.

Mazda move

Mazda plans to increase its maintenance service stations in Poland to 15 from eight, and to 20 from five in Yugoslavia. The company will also increase dealerships in eastern Germany to 227 from 97, and expand its sales and maintenance service network in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania.

Allianz to slow

Allianz, the insurance company, faces a period of consolidation, according to Wolfgang Schieren, the chairman. Allianz was not likely to continue growing as strongly as it had in recent years.

Sarragan deal

Sarragan, a wholly owned Swiss subsidiary of Adidas, the sports goods maker, has sold its rights to two brand names, Le Coq Sportif and Arena, in the Far East and South East Asia to Descente for an undisclosed amount.

Royer growth

Rover Japan, the Japanese subsidiary of Rover Group, estimates its car sales in Japan will be 36,000 by 1995, double those in 1990.

Unchanged data

The cost of living in western Germany showed an annual rise of 2.7 per cent in Decem-ber, unchanged from Novem-

Blue chips after losses



Awaiting details: Sir Gordon at the fair trading office

RMC enquiry continues

covered market sharing agreements between nine of its subsidiaries and 20 other concrete companies (Ross Tieman writes).

Gordon Borrie, head of the fair trading office. concrete companies, including yet to arrive.

RMC Group, the world's larger RMC, were fined for conest concrete company, said intempt because some subvestigations are continuing sidiaries breached orders after an internal enquiry un- prohibiting price and market share fixing deals. An RMC spokesman declined to say whether internal

disciplinary proceedings had A spokesman for the fair trading office said details of

Gateway interest charges hit **Isosceles**

ISOSCELES, the leveraged group that acquired the Gateway supermarket chain last year, made a pre-tax profit of £700,000 in the 28 weeks to November 10, after paying interest of £99 million on the debt created to finance the £2.1 billion deal.

The figure does not include losses of £13 million relating to Herman's, the American sporting goods chain, which Isosceles has been trying to sell. This charge, comprising a net loss of £2.8 million and financing costs of £10.2 milhon, is taken below the line, leaving a loss attributable to Isosceles's equity owners of £12.3 million.

It emerged from the restructuring statement that Her-man's has been hit hard by the depressed retail climate in America. Profit estimates were said to have been se-

verely reduced.
Isosceles's interim results have been sent to the 4,000 shareholders with the document detailing the group's re-financing details, which was published on Christmas eve. The results show that group turnover for the period was £1.67 billion, of which Gateway was responsible for £1.56 billion, and £90.7 million profit, and Wellworth, the Details have been sent to Sir

A spokesman for the fair
Gordon Borrie, head of the air trading office said details of the newly discovered antiIn June, four readymix

A spokesman for the fair Irish stores business, for £110 million. earning £9 million.

Net margins at Gateway were competitive arrangements had

5.8 per cent, with Wellworth's at 8.2 per cent.

Invergordon disposal Invergordon disposal Invergordon Distillers Group, the Scotch whisky company that returned to the stock market in the spring, has sold peanston Distillery to Burn Stewart Group for £2.1 million. The company said the distillery's operations have not had a material effect on Invergordon's results in recent years. The sale represented a tidving up of affairs.

By MICHAEL TATE

of the sale will be used to cut group borrowings. Group borrowings are expected to be a little above £40 million at the year end, which is slightly below expectations. Fall in orders Westpac in NZ takeover equals record

THE American commerce department said November's figure for durable goods orders in the US matched the record 10.5 per cent drop last January. Wall Street economists had expected a fall of 3.1 per cent in November's figures.

members in February. Oliver sale nets £2.6m

OLIVER Group, the diversified footwear retailer, is selling its loss-making Photo Shop subsidiary to Hemsworth Photo Finishers for £2.6 million. The company said it does not

rinishers for £2.6 million. The company said it does not consider the photographic business to be profitable in the short-term and has acted to avoid losses.

The proceeds will be used to discharge Photo Shop's liabilities and reduce group debt. Photo Shop, which provides film processing and developing services as well as selling accessories from 42 sites, lost £940,000 in 1989.

Sugar rebel 'confident'

GNI, the commodity trader campaigning against closure of the London sugar trading floor, says it is confident of sufficient support to block the proposal. A simple maj-ority is needed at a meeting on January 8 to introduce a screen-based system.

Poddington losses soar

WESTPAC Banking has

agreed to buy Southland,

New Zealand's largest build-

ing society, for an un-

disclosed sum. Southland, which has assets of about

£125 million, will recommend the deal to its 50,000

LOSSES at Poddington, the third market company established to market the Poddington Peas cartoon series, jumped from £68,928 to £256,225 in the first half of this year. The loss per share is 1.5p (0.4p). There is no dividend (nil).

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MAJOR INDICES

*Denotes latest trading price TRADITIONAL OPTIONS



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season in style - with an even- and High-gearing. ing of greyhound racing at Wembley. The occasion was all the more memorable for the hidden hand of Richard McGuire, a former unit trust salesman at Martin Currie, who has just joined Capel's derivatives team in Edinburgh and breeds and races grey-hounds in his spare time. "We are very pleased to have him on board," says Tony Macfarlane, who runs the Edinburgh derivatives team and will be scouting the market for new talent in the new year "He has a wealth of contacts around Edinburgh and is also very good on greyhounds." McGuire, aged 24, endeared himself to his colleagues in

pleased was the team with its success that it is thinking of buying a greyhound for the comes to Christmas entertain- desk. The team has yet to ment, members of James decide on a name for the beast, Capel's UK derivatives desk but the most popular choices decided to celebrate the festive so far are Out-of-the-Money



"Christmas parties are not what they were."

London by tipping two winners on the evening. And so van in Peterborough: "Warn-

Saatchi & Satire SO REFRESHING to hear multi-millionaire Charles

Saatchi has not lost his zest for life. He is one of four European investors who have put up \$4 million to buy 70 per cent of satirical magazine Spy. a glossier American version of Private Eye. Like the agency which bears Saatchi's name, the 150,000-circulation magazine needs cash for what it describes as some "serious investigative pieces". Spy, which has made its name through highly critical and satirical pieces about the rich and powerful, now seems ready to launch a major offensive. Saatchi, who has endured a fair amount of such treatment since his company's fortunes took a turn for the worse, will no doubt take a

Trading places OPTIONS traders on the old

International Stock Exchange floor were surprised to see a red-coated figure wandering aimlessly among the pitches and trading screens just before Christmas. They were even more surprised to discover that the crimson apparition was Geoff Truman, dapper and jovial manager of market operations at the London Traded Options Market, who had dressed up as Father Christmas to do his bit for charity, wandering among the pitches and trading screens. Truman, and a similarly clad colleague at Liffe, managed to raise £1,000 between them towards a new children's wing at the Royal London Hospital A total of £5,000 was raised in a joint effort by LTOM, Liffe, London Fox, the International Petroleum Exchange, the Baltic Futures Exchange and the International Clearing House.

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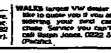
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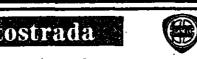
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corrected time to the outstanding Sydney Farr One ered, but one has a cut hand Bass Strait after running most Tonner, Sagacious V (Gary Appleby), with the revamped of the day under spinnaker nine-year-old One Tonner, Anduril (David Kennedy), designed by Ed Dubois, of ing speeds of 22 knots as she England, third. Beyond Thunderdome, the Davidson-designed One Tonner under charter to a British crew headed by Mark Beeson, was The Rob Humphreys-designed Rothmans was followed by the Farr 65-footer,

seventh on corrected time.

The retirements, last night totalling 12 from the fleet of 106 starters, include last year's Hobart race winner, Ultimate Challenge (Lou Abrahams), a Dubois One Tonner, which broke her rudder when she hit of Tasmania, who is working broke her rudder when she hit for the Italian Il Moro Amerian unidentified object. She

after struggling with her crippled rig the last 220 miles. She sailed

with a headsail set sideways as a

mainsail on the stump and with

the intact mizzen sail. When the wind direction permitted, she

staysail for the short run to the finish in Sydney harbour

Makeshift rigging sees Autissier safely home

SYDNEY - Isabelle Autissier, of France, finished the second leg of the BOC single-handed round the world race here yesterday after sailing for five days with a "pocket hand-kerchief sized rig" (Bob Ross

abled ten vachts.

Rothmans was 80 miles into

before northeast to northerly

winds that by last night had built to 35 to 45 knots. Her

crew reported she was reach-

surfed down the ten-feet seas raised by the strong following wind in gear round-the-world

Brandabella owned by George Snow, of Canberra, and

manned by a strong crew,

The mainmast of her yawl-rigged Ecureuil Poitou-Charente snapped in three when the yacht fell into a deep trough in gale-force headwinds, 60 miles northeast of Tasmania. The next day, she encountered 60-knot winds and could do nothing because the boat was rolling so much She had to wait until the following day to organise her

She stablised the six-feet long stump of the mast by lashing its crumpled mid-section to the The next yachtsman expected today, is Josh Hall, of Great Britain, in Spirit of Ipswich, who is second in Class 2. side of her 60ft yacht and rigging He is followed by Sponsor Wanted, the Class 2 entry of the

Autissier, the only woman left in the race, finished the leg, from Cape Town, eleventh overall

STUDENT SPORT

around **Aitchison**

By MARK HERBERT

GRAEME Aitchison, the Anglo-Scots full back, lends a much-needed note of experience to the English universities rugby union trial party, which will meet at Bristol University for two days of training on January 7 and 8.

sity player brings dependability to the back division, Duncan Willett, of Exeter University, and Niall Malone, of Loughborough, look to be Loughborough, look to be stand-off halves of great Both have won international honours, Malone with the ire-land under-2! side and Willett

with England colts. They are willing to run the ball and favour the open game. The pack has lost many of last year's notable players, including the Loughborough trio of Taytwo of their more experienced colleagues, Derwyn Jones, the lock, and Eric Peters, at No. 8,

England play the Welsh universities at Newbridge on January 18, their Scottish counterparts at Old Deer Park on February 15, and the Irish at Trinity College, Dublin, on March | Last season, England lost the latter fixture, but beat

the Welsh and Scots. the Welsh and Scots.

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Peters (Loughtonough), C Barros (Eseter), A Hesberingson (Newcastle).

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RACING



CRICKET

port of Eden on the southeast coast of New South Wales. The Tasmanian Three Quarter Tonner, Northern Securities (Richard Latham), had two of her crew washed overboard. They were recovand the yacht was also heading

was heading for the fishing

The Sydney Farr Two Ton-ner, Madeline's Daughter (Peter Kurts), which led the race on corrected time yesterday morning, retired with unspecified rig damage and headed back to Sydney.

Another front runner for corrected time win, the Sydney Farr One Tonner, Prime Factor (Bob Brady), broke her rudder and retired.

Other casualties included the Soviet entry, Ariel, skip-pered by Anatolij Konavalov, Insatiable (George Wilson), from Melbourne, the New South Wales police entry, On the Beat, and the Australian yachts, Oz Fire (Doug Coulter), Jack Guy (Gordon Keielbey) and Leroy Brown (Warren Wieckmann).

The rough conditions were expected to worsen with the east-northeast winds of 30 to 40 knots shifting west-southwest during the night and the seas building to 16ft. bossed a mizen staysail.
Under this ng. she was able to average better than five knots in following winds and, after a frustrating day of headwinds, she gamely hoisted her mizzen to the

The weather system is dominated by a complex trough of low pressure in Bass Strait. The winds are predicted to ease to 15 to 25 knots

was lying sixth and, with a 50-mile break on the next group of yachts, should have held that

BASKETBALL

Rebuilding US-Soviet final an enticing prospect

By Nicholas Harling

THE absence of the holders, Kingston, and Leverkusen, the beaten finalists last year, as well as all the other past winners, may appear of little consequence should the top two seeds reach the final of the iourteenth annual world invitation club championship at Crystal Palace on Tuesday.

The tournament, sponsored for the first time by Russell Athletic, the American sportswear company, makes a low-key start with the first-round tie tonight between Worthing and the Canadians representing Estonia, from Toronto. This has been brought forward because of Worthing's Carlsberg League match at home to London

Docklands tomorrow. The Worthing game this evening is preceded by a friendly in which the top seeds, Russell Athletic Radiators, play Hemel Hempstead Royals. The briefest of primares of glimpses seems likely to confirm the quality of the Americans, for six players with experience of the National Basketball Association (NBA) are expected to line up for the

New York-based squad.

Jokes about coaches scouring the Bronx at the last minute for players with the necessary visas to make a short trip to Britain will be seen to lack credibility if

the Radiators do, indeed, chide the likes of Carry Scully the 6ft Ilin Utah Jazz forwa who has also played for New York Nicks, and Greg Harvey, who has appeared for Philad phia 76ers but more recently made his name with seven decisive last-second shots to wir games for St John's University.

The prospect of those six former NBA men lining up on Tuesday against three Soviets who captured Olympic gold medals in 1988 is enticing. will happen if Zalgharis Kauna the Soviet champions from 1986 to 1988, also make their expected progress to the final.

Although no longer able to compete on a national basis, because of Lithuania's political differences with Moscow, Zalgharis may this time, at least, be no weaker for their isolation. It is hoped - but nothing is ever certain with this tournament that Sabonis, Khomicius and Kurtinitas, all of whom made their names for the club before seeking fortunes elsewhere, will be temporarily back in the fold.

TIMETABLE: Turkink: \$1.00pm: Worthing v Estonia (Can). Tomorrow: 3.00pm: Thansa Valley Tigers v Sotra (Swo), 6.12: Lelocater v Hamten (Neth), 8.00: Sunder-tend v Australien under-22s. Sundey: Cuarter-Rusis et 12.15pm, 2.15, 6.15 and 8.00.

Rowe riding high as General James survives a blunder at Kempton

At full stretch: Richard Rowe needs all his agility to stay aboard third-placed General James at Kempton yesterday

Fidway has Champion in sights

FIDWAY remained a 12-1 Cheitennam's the country of the coun

Strongly handled by Steve Smith Eccles, the eventual 100-30 winner quickened well under pressure to master Loop section, the favourite, between the sure to master Deep Sensalast two flights, and then ran on strongly to resist the determined challenge of Sybillin by 1½ lengths. Deep Sensation fin-ished the same distance away

day for Tim Thomson Jones as the trainer was saddling his fiftieth winner and gaining the two-year career.

The winning trainer said: "I had a Cheltenham winner with Pukka Major, but this is much more important as it's a grade one race. Fidway is certainly entitled to go and take his chance in the championship.
"I didn't want to ask him to
do too much because he was
only having his fifth run since

then looked about him on the run-in. It's the first time I've got chance with Ladbrokes for at him and asked him to race Chettenham's hurdling crown seriously. It's obvious that he's seriously. It's obvious that he's

phy winner was also attempting to make the grade in champ ionship class. Mark Dwyer said that the horse was tapped for speed when they quickened turning for home, but he stayed on well again at the finish. He would be better suited by Sandown, and we'll probably take the winner on again in the Agfa Hurdle," Fitzgerald

Yesterday's winner will obviously have to show improvement before being considered a But with Beech Road, the 7-2

Pipe's 1,000 milestone

youngest ever trainer to saddle 1,000 winners when the 18-yearold Martin Foster rode a supe only having his fifth run since
Steve was knocked out of the
saddle on him on this track 11
months ago. His pre-Cheltenham races will probably be the
Agfa Hurdle at Sandown folThe Care-old Somerset
trainer who was at his local Agna Hurdie at Sandown followed by the Kingwell Pattern Hurdle at Wincenton.

The experienced Smith Eccles was also delighted with the performance. "He's so green, such an immature baby. My The 45-year-old Somerset trainer, who was at his local trainer.

News of Beech Road, the 1989 champion, came from Toby Balding after the Fyfield Boy win the Odeon Cinemas Handicap Chase. "Beech Road will either run in the Spa Hurdle at Cheltenham on Monday or be kept for the New Year's Day Hurdle at Windsor the following

Despite his disappointment with Sybillin, Fitzgerald was in sparkling form, the Malton-based Irish-born trainer landing a double with Uncle Ernie and Gold Options, Uncle Ernie was not as fluent at his fences as usual, and the 6-4 on favourite made two jumping errors before beating Duke De Vendome by six lengths. "Mark said he wasn't jumping out of the sticky after his Haydock defeat and going However he's still quick with Morley Street, still having and well. We'll probably give

MARTIN Pipe became the those six Boxing Day winners." Pipe had his first training success as a permit holder when Hit Parade won at Taunton in 1975 and took out a full licence two years later. However, his meteoric career only took off four years ago when he enlisted the services of Peter Scudamore.

Last season, he saddled a record 224 winners and also bettered his own record when achieving his fastest ever 100 at Taunton on December 29, 1989.

casualties

prove setback

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE withdrawal of three more

going for the Arkle."

iucky track. Fairy King was killed here and Forgive'n For-get fell at the last fence behind Nupsala in the King George."

way Wonder Man won here on Wednesday, I don't fancy taking him on at a difference of only

treble for Yorkshire trainers when winning the opening Hard Rock Novices' Hurdle for Colin Tinkler, the stewards held an enquiry in to the running of Miss Adventure, who was pulled up after jumping the fourth hurdle.

A veterinary examination showed that the mare, who

Gold Options, the second leg of the double, came from behind to beat Katabatic by four lengths this was Fitzgerald's first-ever National Hunt winner at likely to stay in the Lambourn Kempton. "It basn't been my

The trainer added that Pragrant Dawn, the favourite for The Ladbroke, will first attempt to win Newbury's L'Oreal Hur-die for the second successive year on Saturday. "We'll see about Ireland after that. The

11lb. After Kaleidos had initiated a

showed that the mare, who started a well-backed 3-1 chance had been suffering from an irregular heart beat. It is certainly a worrying situation, particularly for Mark Tompkins, whose Hard As Iron was also found to be in a six of the situation. also found to be in a similar condition after disappointing at Sandown. Unexpectedly, disappointing performances have also come from Snuggle at Folkestone and from Elegant Stranger at Assot Stranger at Ascot.

Hills gives up hope of buying Manton By RICHARD EVANS

million to buy the Manton estate from Robert Sangster. shire training base as soon as is practicable and return to South Bank, the Lambourn yard owned by Hills and currently

used by his son, John. Hills, who trained more than 500 winners at Manton after taking over from Michael Dickinson, has faced an uphill task in raising the funds needed to buy Sangster's impressive complex, given the downturn in racing's financial fortunes and

develop the estate to acco-modate seven trainers and 480

night, Sangster said: "I am sorry for Barry. It has been open right up until the end, but obviously been viable for four years and I

withdrawn from the market and Peter Chapple-Hyam, who is married to Sangster's step-daughter, will start training

efforts to secure my future at Manton and having carefully considered my position, I have decided that it would be in my

and return to Lambourn. "I and my family, tog with the horses, will vacate the property as soon as is prac-

Earlier, a spokesman for Sangster said: "It was in everyone's best interests, especially Hills' staff, that the decision to move back to Lambourn has been taken now in time for the

tainty at Manton.
"While Hills's horses will be leaving Manton during January, there will be no difficulty for his staff presently living there as their accomodation will continue to be made available to found nearer to Lambourn."

Apart from having 20 horses with Hills, Sangster will keep between 20 and 25 two-year-

olds at Manton and send a further 20 to Newmarket to be divided between Henry Cecil, Michael Stoute, Lucz Cumani and John Gosden. John Hills is expected to

Waterloo Boy back to best at Wetherby

WATERLOO Boy re-estab-lished himself in the front rank of two-mile chasers with at emphatic defeat of Young Snugfit in the Castleford Chase at Wetherby yesterday. Waterloo Boy had finished a disappointing third, 12 lengths behind Young Snugfit, when the pair met in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown earlier this month. But David Nicholson's

seven-year-old exacted his revenge in style, coming home 15 lengths clear of Young Snugfit with Greenheart a further eight lengths away third. Richard Dunwoody, fresh from his King George success on Desert Orchid, moved Waterloo Boy smoothly into the lead before the second last. Victory was scaled when the tiring Young Snugfit made a bad mistake at the final fence.

"Over the last four days Waterloo Boy has been working really well," Nicholson said.
"He is in great form and has become the horse we always said he would be."

Voyagers through a sea of sand

SOME people will do anything to avoid the Christmas washing up. On Roxing Day, while most of us engaged in the annual family row and pondered the prospect of turkey sandwiches until well into mid-March, 735 intrepid souls were heading for Paris and the start of the 1991 Paris to Dakar rally.

Whether aboard cars, motor-cycles or trucks, they know their ances of success in the event, which leaves the French capital tomorrow, are shim. Only a quarter will finish the 8.400mile course. The rest will traipse home with aching limbs and broken machinery, vowing to beat the rally next year.
For some reason, they all want to try again. Despute the appalling conditions, the dan-

ger, the exhaustion, the flies, the snakes, the malaria and the muggers, the rally is like a drug.
Once you are hooked, you cannot get it out of your system.

The street with one of the service of the servic Tony Fowkes is preparing for drivers. They stopped in a his fifth attempt, and so far he village and found that everyone has only finished once. Last there seemed to suffer from eye year, he decided to try it on two wheels as part of the Honda team, but had to stop at the halfway stage. This year, at the age of 50, he is financing himself to the tune of £10,000 and going it alone with only his trusty Houds 650 Africa Twin. Last year, he was forced to pull out in Agadez. "You would



Fowkes: his fifth attempt

crash into one another and people wouldn't get run over, but they do," he explained. "I was knocked off my bike by a Land Rover, hurt my shoulder

After he retired last year, he made his way back to Dakar with one of the supply truck there seemed to suffer from eye problems. From the back of the truck. Fowkes and his partner banded out eve wash and medical supplies for the whole

"There we are, the rich Europeans, going through these places and we do nothing for them but cover them in dust,"

Fowkes said. He hopes to raise

Fowkes is now puring the finishing touches to his preparations and trying to find antibiotics for his medical kit. It seems who regard the Paris to Dakar rally as an illness worthy of a prescription.
But he has few worries. What

sets the rally apart from other sporting events is the spirit of contradeship. Whatever hap-pens, someone will stop to help. As Fowkes says: "You just don't leave someone stranded in the This is the appeal of the race

for Dick Partridge. At 34, he is entering his fourth rally and looking for his first linish. Driving a much modified Isuzu, he knows a thing or two about survival. He has been lost for three days and driven through the boiling desert with the besters full on in the cab to draw heat away from a roasung engine. But still he comes back. You find yourself in situa-

tions when anyone will do anything to help you. There is a real Dunkirk spirit. At the night stops, we all muck in," he said. The raily gives the private individual the chance to line up less chap and he has more against the likes of Jackie Ickyx. Pressing things on his mind, we all start level and sometimes namely becoming the first we get farther than the top Briton to finish the rally on two But while Fowkes and Par-

tridge have worked hard to

prepare for the rigours of the race, John Watson-Miller has

the Honda Europe team, his costs are covered, his bike is provided and he even has a little man to go and get his visas for

tallies - he was the first Briton to finish the Rally of the Pharaohs in Egypt — but this is his first Paris to Dakar attempt. His one worry concerns the weight of his 750cc machine. What it gives him in power it takes away in physical effort when it has to be dug out after a fall. "I don't think you can ever be fit enough to survive 600km stages every day," he said. "Anyway, 90 per cent of the battle is mental.

Sleeping rough each night, the competitors must keep a wary eye on their kit. "I've had everything from trip meters to underpants stolen, Watson-Miller said. Last year, his girl-friend, Patricia Schenk, was robbed at knifepoint before going on to become the first One car was held up at guppoin and the drivers stripped and left at the roadside as the thiever drove sway.

But Watson-Miller is a fear

wheels and, just as important

trying to beat his girlfriend for

the first time in any motorcycle

competition. He thinks

players, Sean Kerly, Steve Tay-lor and Jon Roberts, has considerably weakened England's potential for forthcoming in-door commitments, which begin with a training weekend starting today in Cologne.

Kerly and Taylor, the goalkeeper, are ill, and Roberts suffered a hand injury while pulling a Christmas cracker. There are no replacements and the squad is now reduced to 15. While in Cologne, England hope to acquire a higher degree

of sharpness by facing strong German club opposition, after which a team will be selected for the international club tournament at Arminen, Austria, from January 4 to 6. from January 4 to 6.

In the run-up to the European indoor championship at Birmingham, from February 22 to 24. England will play two international matches against Australia, at Dulwich College on February 2 and 3, but the bigger tests will come at the world masters tournament in Giasans from February 8 to 10.

gow, from February 8 to 10.

Outdoors, the South-East will

18 and under-16 level in the three-day schoolboys' divisional

tournament starting today at Coventry School.

HOCKEY

Three further A tournament which is now of limited value

JENNY Cardwell, the England manager, will be heading for Liverpool and the women's The snow of three weeks ago. territorial championships this weekend. She will be keeping an eye open for any promising talent available for recruitment to the international scene. But she does not hold out much

hope of finding it.
The territorial championships need to be part of the ladder to the County Trophy and the start of the indoor season."

Cardwell feels that there are

excellence. If they play in the national league, players will get little from the territorials." Last year, Cardwell selected three players at the annual post-Christmas tournament. Of those, one refused the offer of a place in the England training squad while one of the others was a recognised international trying to get back to the top quickly after having a baby. This year, the players she wants to see are those like Sarah

Bamfield and Jane Smith,

"Some already in the England squad of 30, who weren't on the Great Britain or England tours, may be available for the terri-

the snow of three weeks ago cut into everyone's training time in an already tight schedule. "It's one of my doubts about the territorials." Cardwell explained. "To play in the game today you need time to prepare and this tournament doesn't allow for that. It comes just after

worked towards county recognition, then up to the territorials and then England.

On the induor season.

Cardwell feels that there are questions to be asked as to the value of the tournament now "That's not so anymore."

Cardwell said, "not now that we have a large England training squad and regular centres of the tournament now that present England players are no longer allowed to compete and the preparation time has been whittled away. In her and the preparation time has been whittled away. In her opinion, a lot of the territorial players would be better advised to seize the chance to put their

feet up.

In the past, when Cardwell coached the East territory, she struggled for three years to get a struggled for three years to get a team that worked and thought as a unit. "What you won't see today in the territorials is the teamwork that is part of the modern game," she said. "There is no time, so you must just hope the players are all on the same wavelength. But there are still some good players around and there is little to separate the teams anymore. It will be very-very close this weekend."

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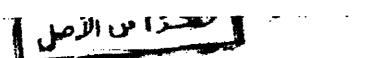
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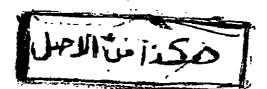
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Celtic Chief set to reward McConnochie's patience

ALL eyes will be on two former Cheltenham festival stars, Celtic Chief and Rustle as they make their chasing debuts at Newbury today after lengthy lay-offs.
Celtic Chief, who contests
the two-mile Wantage Nov-

ices' Chase, was last seen in public chasing home Beech Road, then a 50-1 chance, in the 1989 Champion Hurdle. Now rising eight, Celtic Chief has always been a classy performer and should certainly make his mark fencing. His trainer John McConnochie has patiently waited for good racing ground, which he will get today, and I expect Celtic Chief to make up for lost time at the expense of Acre Hill, who demonstrated plenty of ability with a spirited

Sandown last time out. The in-form Richard Dunwoody, who rides Acre Hill, will be aboard Rustle, who returns to the fray in the Elcot Park Novices' Chase over three miles.

victory over L B Laughs at

Staying has always been Rustle's forte and he kept the Hurdle at Sandown, but had Irish challenge at bay in the finished a close second in his 1989 Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle with a comprehensive 12-length defeat of useful Liadett at Cheltenbarn Galmoy in going that was last month, Midfielder was decidedly testing.



McConnochie: poised for success with Celtic Chief

It is always difficult to gauge the chance of a horse following a long absence, but Rustle is given the vote over Josh Gifford's Sandown winner Coruscate and Senator Of

weight to his seven rivals, I am napping Midfielder to collect his first victory of the season in the Ramsbury Hurdle. The Philip Hobbs-trained four-year-old could never get in a blow at Wonder Man in the William Hill Handicap

Despite having to concede

two previous runs. Before chasing home the only just beaten by Spring Hay over today's course and that Chase at Fontwell Park and form reads better than anyhis opponents have accomplished.

Josh Gifford's Fighting Words won a novice hurdle, albeit impressively, at Devon, while Shamana was a close second to Cheerful Times in a similar event at Warwick. River Bounty and Ockley are other promising types, but I will be disappointed if Midfielder does not have their measure on today's terms. Martin Pipe can continue

his fine run with Star's De-light in the Old Year Handican Chase and it may pay to take a chance with Royal Gossip in the Abingdon Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle.

Despite a hefty 12 stone to winning ways in the Snowy

Southernair may confirm his recent superiority over Breakfast Car in the Whitelaw Challenge Cup.
Mary Reveley has her

Saltburn team in peak form just now and her progressive chaser Snowfire Chap, winner of his last two outings, should complete a treble in the Four Colly Birds Handicap Chase. Richard Whitaker can collect a double through African Spirit (1.45) and his useful Flat performer Burcroft (2.45). At Stratford, Mr Gossip who rallied gamely to win at Nottingham earlier this month, can defy top weight in the J H Rowe Challenge

Trophy and Jenny Pitman's The Shy Controller can get the carry, the Gifford-trained better of Buddington in the Pragada should continue his Dick Whittington Novices' better of Buddington in the

Rest for Desert Orchid

DESERT Orchid may be given January off as reward for his record-breaking fourth win in the King George VI Rank Chase where be will run next but we on Boxing Day. Trainer David Elsworth has a number of options but he is currently considering the Agfa Diamond Chase at Sandown on February 2 as the next objective.

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Charlie Brooks and John Upson, the respective trainers of the disappointing Celtic Shot and Nick The Brief, could offer and options for the disappointing Celtic Shot and Nick The Brief, could offer and options for the disappointing Celtic Shot and Nick The Brief, could offer and options for the disappoint of the disappoint

"He is in fine shape and was no explanations for the poor looking over his box at me as I performances of their charges.

prevails in tight finish

From Our Irish Racing CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN THE In£30.000 Findus Handirindus Handi-cap Chase at Leopardstown yesterday provided a great spec-tacle with just a length covering five of the 12 runners coming to

the final fence.

Rawhide forged to the front on the run-in but just as it seemed be would win decisively seemed he would win decisively the topweight Barney Burnett, conceding 25lb, fought back courageously. Charlie Swan, the reigning Irish champion jockey, kept Rawhide at full stretch to hold on by a diminishing three-quarters of a length with What A Fox another half a length away third.

The winner, contesting the fourth chase of his career, is trained by "Mouse" Morris for Mrs Harry McCalmont and will be entered for the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham. Barney Burnett, who generally comes to his best in the spring will be aimed at the Grand National. With Carvill's Hill out of action because of a freak eye injury received at home last Sunday, the Ir£50,000 Black And White Whisky Champion Chase has attracted just five declared starters, one of whom, Astral River, was unplaced

yesterday.
Rawhide's stable companion Cahervillahow, four lengths third to Arctic Call in the 34mile Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury last time, will be fancied but he may find today's 21/2-mile journey on the able to the superior pace of the front-running Blitzkrieg.

Rawhide FONTWELL PARK

Selections By Mandarin

1.0 Vigano. 1.30 Intrepid Lass. 2.0 Southernair. 2.30 Cock A Leekie. 3.0 Pragada. 3.30 City Kid.

1.0 TORTINGTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE JN SELLANIA (18 runners) ARELLA 19 (CD,F,C) A Davison 5-11-10 S. Marchy (7) (£1,772: 2m 2f) (18 runners) 1 33PO CHASH

6 P404 GOLDEN VINTAGE 14 (V,BF,F) S Dow 4-11-4 7 444U VIGANO 6 M Pge 4-11-0 J Lower
8 8005 ACROW LISE 36 J Pgx 5-10-10 M Devise
9 FR6- BUCKSWILL 258 Mrs Barbara Waring 6-10-9 K Mooney
10 4009 BORRETO 703 C James 6-10-9 M Hoad (5)
11 20-P SWEET THURSDAY 16 (1) B Steems 4-10-7 M Hoad (5)
12 -0PP OWEN SOMER 10 W Kernty 5-10-6 G Rowe (7)
13 4800 JENGOD 6 A Moore 4-10-5 M Comby Morris
15 6153 SMAPSHOT BABY 17 (BJBF,F) R Voorspuy 8-10-3 M Williams
15 6153 SMAPSHOT BABY 17 (BJBF,F) R Voorspuy 8-10-3 M Williams
17 -532 SPHBOX 16 J BORSICK 8-10-0 M Williams
18 APP CROSSLAND LEISURE 24 C Weedon 5-10-0
R Goldstein

5-2 Vigeno, 100-30 Snepshot Baby, 8-2 Harken Premier, 3-1 Colonel Chinstrep, 8-1 Spenish Love, 10-1 others.

1.30 BRIGHTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1.360: 2m 1 SPPS EQUINOR 18 (F) R Bennett 11-1 P Comigan
2 012 SQUEN FAM 20 (F) P Hedger 11-1 M Richarde
3 AUCTION NEWS 6 (6) D Gandado 10-9 M Monte
4 FF BEHMO THE CLOCK 37 T Jones 10-9 T Tymes (7)
5 9 BLACKDOWN 13 C Weedon 10-9 T Tymes (7)
6 PO DERWENT WATERS 24 (8) T Thomson Jones 10-9 PO DERWENT WATERS 24 (B) T Thomson Jones 16-9
D Gallagher
PP FALSE PASSPORT 26 (B) M Botton 16-9
PLORIDA GOLD 24 D Wisson 10-9
S PAPERS HELL 29F M Channon 10-9
S MCHARMEN 10 J MINER 10-9
S MERITAND VINE 36F S Dow 10-9
M Davies
SUPERGLOW 73F M Madgwch 10-9
S UPERGLOW 73F M Madgwch 10-9
D Mindgwick (7)
TRUE OFTHISTS 48F R Alkanast 10-8
L Harrey
8 ALDWICK COLONNADE 47 M Lister 10-4
M Bowley
ON WITH THE DANCE 182F C Writis 10-4
N ROBINS GRIL 14 (S) C Berwell 10-4
S SLCK CHERRY 34 D Essorm 10-4
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S PROUTING VENTURE 48F R Curts 10-4
T ROPICAL ACE 38 R VOORSTY 10-4
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11-4 True Optimist, 7-2 Sick Cherry, 9-2 Seten Fan, 6-1 Interpld Lass, 8-1 Sunset And Vine, 10-1 Equinor, 12-1 others. Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 35 witners from 97 runners, 36 1%; D Eleworth, 11 from 38, 28,9%; J Whole, 4 from 15, 26,7%; R Akshurst, 17 from 67, 25,4%; J Gifford, 54 from 230, 23,5%; P Hobbs, 6 from 27, 22,2%. JOCKEYS: S Murphy, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; H Davies, 18 from 125, 14.4%; P Holley, 3 from 21, 14.3%; L Harvey, 6 from 50, 12.0%; M Bosley, 4 from 35, 11.4%; M Kinane, 7 from 63, 11.1%;

STRATFORD

Controller.

Going: good to soft

20 WHITELAW CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,898: 2m 4f) (6)

1 US-1 SOUTHERMAIR 24 (B,CD,F,Q,S) J Janiums 10-12-0

2 1-F2 EREAKFAST CAR 24 (C.F.S) D Grised 8-11-7 H Boryes 3 6F-3 CUR NOBBY 44 (CD.F.G.S) M Madginick 8-11-1 D Madginick (7) 4 F49- WILDWOOD 243 (D.F.S) R Curts 10-11-0. R Galatises 5 1224 VBCANTO 24 (C.BF F.G.) J Gifford 8-10-9 T Grantham 6 8-P4 SOCKS DOMME 15 (C.J.S.) J July 11-10-8 M Richards 11-4 Vincanto, 7-2 Southermair, 4-1 Breakdast Car, 6-1 Our Nobby, 8-1 Socks Downe, 10-1 Wildwood.

2.30 M & H RACING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2.679:

1 0-22 AL ASOOF 24 (CD,F,G) P Hedger 5-11-11 M Richa 2 1-2 SOUND OF ISLAY 31 (D,BF,G) T Forster 5-11-4 3 4-02 CHAMPAGNE LAD 74 (F) J Griord 4-11-1, G Rosse (7) 4 100- REGGAE YEOMAN 294 (CD,F,G,S) D Grasell 6-10-12

7-2 Sound Of Islay, 4-1 Chempagne Lad. 5-1 Reggae Yeo man, 6-1 Al Asoof, Cock A Leekis, 8-1 Va Lute. 10-1 others. 3.0 SNOWY DAVIS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,349: 3m 2! 110yd) (11)

22,349: 3m 21 110yd) (11)

1 0.21 PRAGADA 23 (C.G.S.) J Gifford 7-12-0..... E McKinley
2 5-15 MASTER COMEDY 10 (COLF) Mass L Bower 6-11-5
3 6165 TUBBS 28 (G) Mrs S Armylage 6-10-12...... M Sosley
4 R113 MASTEA MA FLYER 24 (F) P Suter 5-10-12... M Kinane
5 2502 TRYUMPHART LaD 24 T Jones 6-10-7...... H Device
6 20-P DUNRAVEN ROYAL 13 R Curbs 7-10-1... R Goldstem
7 -PPU PRARIE STORM 13 (B) 7 Exherington 6-10-0
R Beitamy (3)

4-9 Progeds, 4-1 Master Comedy, 8-1 Matta Mia Flyer 16-1 Tryumphant, 20-1 Tubbs, 25-1 others.

3.30 FONTWELL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 2m

18 40-0 ANYONE'S FANCY 16 D Gandolfo 5-10-4. M Rechards 19 UP-5 COUNTESS BLAKENEY 31 D Grissel 4-10-4 K Deviet 20 U/F- PARSONESS 267 Mrs F Walwyn 5-10-4..... K Mooney 9-4 Express Reale, 7-2 City Kid, 9-2 Suren, 6-1 Thats The siness, 8-1 Scotons, 10-1 Mediane, 12-1 others.

NEWBURY

Selections By Mandarin

2.00 Celtic Chief. 1.00 MIDFIELDER (nap).

> By Michael Seely 12.30 Rustle, 2.00 Celtic Chief.

Going: good (good to soft in back straight on hurdles course) 12.30 ELCOT PARK NOVICES CHASE (£3,262: 3m) (7 runners)

R Rowe B Powell Mr S Malins ... J Cebonne 🗢 💥 BETTING: 5-2 Whats The Crack, 7-2 Coruscate, 4-1 Rustie, 6-1 Local Whitsper, Senator Of Rome, 29-Ragien Road, 25-1 End Result. 1989: YIRAGAN 7-11-0 S Earle (5-2 fav) D Berons 12 ran

FORM FOCUS CORUSCATE best
Sendown (3m 118yd, good to firm). LOCAL WhiteSendown (3m 118yd, good to firm). LOCAL WhitePER seally best Indian Minor 30f at Taunton (2m 110yd, good to firm) despite jumping errors.

SENATOR OF ROME prominent when took wrong course approaching 3 cau at Luddow (3m, good to firm). RUSTLE best (3mm) which to the course approaching 3 cau at Luddow (3m, good to firm). Which to Tom Troubedour at Wincenton (2m 5f, good to firm). RUSTLE best (3amor 12 in Westerford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at Chellenham (3m 11, good to soft).

Selection: WHATS THE CRACK

1.0 RAMSBURY HURDLE (4-Y-O: £4,402: 2m 4f 120yd) (8 runners) 77 205 7-2 ULTILLET 35 IP) (W NOTESTI) NI SERBINE 10-12 5 POWER 65
206 21 RIVER BOUNTY 9 (0.5) (J Upen) J Upen 10-12 8 Supple 83
207 6-0800 UTCHINSOM 6 (Marquese de Moratafis) F Doumen (Fr) 10-12 A Kondret 208
212 SHAMANA 29 (G) (Lord Northsupton) D Nicholson 10-7 R Dawnoody 78
BETTINGS 6-4 Middelder, 7-2 Fighting Words, 8-2 River Bounty, 7-1 Shaman, 8-1 Ockley, 10-1
Utchinson, 14-1 None So Wise, 25-1 Electric Denoer.

1889: BABB. 4-10-12 P Scudemore (8-1) N Twiston-Davies 11 Fan FORM FOCUS MEDFIELDER never dangerous 271 10th to good to firm).

Winner Man in valuable handcap at Sandown (2m., good to soft; previously 21 2nd to Liadett at Chelenniam (2m., good to firm).

RIVER BULLERTY all out to best Cache Fieur a head in 17-runner novice handle at Bangor (2m. 4t, soft). Utton Park in novices' hundle at Chepstow (2m. 4t, soft). Utton Park in novices' hundle at Chepstow (2m. 4t, soft). Utton Park in novices' hundle at Chepstow (2m. 4t, soft). Utton Park in novices' hundle at Chepstow (2m. 4t, soft). Utton Park in novices' hundle at Chepstow (2m. 4t, soft). Utton Park in novices' hundle at Chepstow (2m. 4t, soft). Utton Park in novices' hundle at Chepstow (2m. 4t, soft). Utton Park in novices' hundle at Chepstow (2m. 4t, soft). Utton Park in similar race at Huntingdon (2m. 100/dt, good). SHAMANA 11 2nd to Chepstow (2m. 4t, soft). Utton Park in similar race at Huntingdon (2m. 100/dt, good). SHAMANA 11 2nd to Chepstow (2m. 4t). Salection: MDFIELDER

1.30 OLD YEAR HANDICAP CHASE (£4,276: 2m 160yd) (5 runners)

Long handlesp: Knockbrack 9-8, Fuego Boy 9-7.
BETTING: 2-1 Star's Designt, 9-4 Springholm, 3-1 Knockbrack, 6-1 Mr Key, 7-1 Puego Boy.
1989: BLUEBERRY KING 6-10-11 G McCourt (4-6 fav) A Turnell 5 ran

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 SNOWFIRE CHAP (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 SNOWFIRE CHAP.

12.45 PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,716; 3m 100yd)

написация самом от 10, маго от 10, маго от 10 маго от 11-8 Secret Finals, 5-2 Myllege, 9-2 Home To Roost, 8-1 Kethy Cook, 12-1 Badgers Gift, 18-1 объек.

1969: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

1.15 TWO TURTLE DOVES NOVICES CHASE (£2,216; 2m 4f) (13 runners)

12.45 Myliege. 1.15 Marcellina. 1.45 African Spirit.

Going: good to soft (soft in places)

FORM FOCUS STAR'S DELIGHT uncluded by the course and distance good to firm last term.

Trom Silver Cannon in valuable 3-quiner handless of these at Ascel (2m, good to firm). NR KEY tailed off when pulled up before last in Grand Annual Chase at Chellenthem (2m, good to firm).

SPRINGHOLM all out to best Thar-An-Bharr 21 over course and distance (good) in March. FUEGO BOY 201 2nd to Sottler Courty (rec 23tb) at Stratford (2m, good). AND ENGLISHED STREET

2.15 Snowfire Chap.

...... N Leach (7)
.... Mr & Wynne (7)
...... C Havidne
........ M Dwydr

... E Tierney (7) Peter Caldwell

P Niven 92
C Hewkins
N Dougley
L O'Hera (3)
A Dobbin (7)

2.45 Burezoft.

2.0 WANTAGE NOVICES CHASE (£2,950: 2m 160yd) (5 runners)

1969: DECLOED 6-11-0 R Beggan (7-4 fev) Miss H Knight 9 ran

FORM FOCUS ACRE HEL driven out to beat L B Laughs 11 at Sandown (2m 18yd, good to firm) on chasing bow. Likely to improve.

BUCK WILLOW 61 2nd to useful novice hunder Scally Owen at Leopardstown (2m 2f, soft) last term.

MY YOUNG MAN 181 7th to Fidway in novices' hunder Scally Owen at Leopardstown (2m 2f, soft) last term.

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FORM FOCUS TENESASHT 141 3rd to Man O'Magic hard from at Stratford (2m 6f, good). MWEENISH 281 (3m 2f 82yd, good) finel outing last season; earlier best Wilshord 41 at Leicester (3m, soft).

CITY ENTERTANEER pulled up before 4 out behind Cettic Shor at Weinster 9 (3m 100yd, good) istest. ALONE SUCCESS best Gwino 41 at Doncester (3m 122yd, firm) two seasons ago; previously 251 2md to New 122yd, firm) two seasons ago; previously 251 2md to New 122yd, firm) two seasons ago; previously 251 6m, good to firm) latest; previously 251 2md to New 151 (3m words off 6th. GA-LA'S IMAGE 5i 2md to Aurtis Dot at Stratford (2m 8f, good). MWEENISH 289 (10th to One More Knight at Liverpool (3m 1f, firm) final outing last season.

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3.0 ABINGDON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (92,652: 3m 120yd) (12

runners) BETTRIC: 4-1 Look Lively, 9-2 Miss Pokey, 5-1 Kamadoor, 5-1 Rare Luck, 7-1 Ultra Violet, 8-1 Just As petul, 10-1 Royal Gossip, 12-1 others. 1989: LAPIAFFE 5-10-0 W Irving (9-1) R Hodges 10 ran

FORM FOCUS JUST AS HOPEFUL.

Set What About Me

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earlier 11 2m to Gaetic Froice seame course and distance (pood) with BASICET WEAVE (13th better off)

48 9th.

KAMADOOR never-nearer 61 3rd to Vita Recos at
Ascot (2m 44, good to firm) latest. ROYAL GOSSIP,
weakened 3 out when more than S61 10th to Chartle

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Folkestone (2m 44, good to south tester off)

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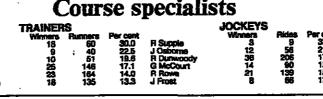
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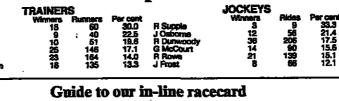
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(same terms) %1 4th.

Selection: KAMADOOR

Course specialists





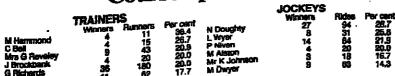


1.45 THREE FRENCH HENS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,758: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

2.15 FOUR COLLY BIRDS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,864: 3m) (8 runners)

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1.15 TWO TURTLE DOVES NOVICES CHASE (\$2,216; 2m 4f) (13
1 35-5312 MERITMOORE 15 (0.0.5) (G Borat) G Moore 7-11-8
2 34-F537 TROPEINIA 34 (0.0) (Mrs M Caddy) J Goulding 7-11-8
3 5/00-45F AH JBH LAD 24 (R Cooper) P Monteith 6-11-0
4 /3328P BRUSHFORD 21 (J Wede) J Wade 6-11-0
5 U LUCKY FELLOW 8 (Mrs E Stack) Mrs E Stack 8-11-0
6 63-P530 MERIANDBHA 17 (F,C.3) (M Jorea) B Enson 6-11-0
9 MISTER KELLY 8 (B) (Miss J Berber-Flaming) M Hammond 7-11-0
9 661-622 ROY'S DREAM 8 (F) (C Bird) S Leadbetter 7-11-0
9 6622-F SWEET CITY 30 (BF.S) (O Little) G Richards 5-11-0
10 000 TARTAN TESTAMENT 23 (Edinburgh Woollen MB) G Richards 6-11-0
11 P16/4-P5 WAR DANCER 8 (S) (E Williams) J O'Neil B-11-0
12 Q/12165- ZARBSEE 258 (F) (J Walby) W A Stophenson 5-11-0
13 2-6228P MARCELLRIA 7 (G.5) (Mits M Charton) E Alston 8-10-0
BETTING: 11-4 Sweet City. 4-1 Zarbse, 6-1 Marcellina, Tropenna, 8-1 Mertin BETTING: 11-4 Sweet City, 4-1 Zaribee, 6-1 Marzellina, Tropenna, 8-1 Merimoore, Ah Jim Led, 10-1 Roy's Dreem, 14-1 others. Course specialists



D J Mottest (7) 96

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Sir C Sample Long heaticap: Season's Ahead 9-2.

BETTING: 15-8 Snowfire Chap, 4-1 The Langholm Dyer, 13-2 Pempering, Nautical Joke, 9-1 Gerbelly Park, Sandicitife Boy, 16-1 Pienty Crack, 33-1 Season's Ahead. 45 FIVE GOLD RINGS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,136; 2m 4f) (18 |
1 426F-14 HEPALE 7 (8F,D,S) [Miss J Reed) G Picherds 6-11-4 |
2 2-23 BOLANEY BOY 15 (R Seed) J O'Nell 6-10-10 |
BRABBER HAMBLER (S Herley) C Perker 7-10-10 |
3 BRABBER HAMBLER (S Herley) C Perker 7-10-10 |
3 GARRICK COURT (Miss V Foster) G Moore 4-10-10 |
3 FAR GLOW 16 (Mrs A Trejor (CO DUTARIN) A Stringer 4-10-10 |
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9 PRESS POR ACTION 29 (J Eden) G Bell 5-10-10 |
9 DRESS POR ACTION 29 (J Eden) G Bell 5-10-10 |
9 TRUELY ROYAL 294 (A Eubenic) A Eubenic 6-10-10 |
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6 FULMALOGO 27 (F O'ROLINE) L CODD 4-10-5 |
9 PETURN FAIR 41 (K Linton) K Linton 4-10-5 |
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BETTONG: 13-8 Bolastey Boy, 7-4 Impele, 7-1 Carrick Court, Burcroft, 10-1 V 2.45 FIVE GOLD RINGS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,136: 2m 4f) (18 runners) N Doughty 96 L Wyer 6 99 A Perker (7) S Turner S Turner

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L O'Hers (3)

R Marley Mr R Hule (7)
..... A Orkney
...... P Leech BEYTING: 13-8 Bolestey Boy, 7-4 Impale, 7-1 Carrick Court, Burcroft, 10-1 Vestal Hills, 12-1 others. 3.15 SIX GEESE A LAYING HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,108: 2m) (6 runners) cap: Gain Loch 9-9, Potato Picker 9-9. BETTRICE 9-4 Impany, 11-4 Speech, 5-1 The Antartex, Incense, 8-1 Gala Loch, 14-1 Potato Picker.

Selections By Mandarin 1.15 Alreef. 1.45 High Noddy. 2.15 Mr Gossip. 2.45 Go West. 3.15 Kameo Style. 3.45 The Shy 1.15 PETER PAN NOVICES HURDLE (£2,283: 2m) 48 CREAKE'S PET SS J White 5-10-12 D Morris
FOLIZ 960F Mies K Altson 7-10-12 R Beggen
GIN AND GRANGE 172F J Jenkers 4-10-12 M Ahem (3)
GREY RIM 90F R Lee 5-10-12 J Short
MAY OVER 357F B McMehon 5-10-12 T Well
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Course specialists TRAMERS: Jimmy Fitzgerski, 10 winners from 31 runners, 32.3%; N Henderson, 20 from 73, 27.4%; Mrs J Pliman, 14 from 56, 22.7%; M Pipe, 20 from 68, 22.7%; D Burchell, 8 from 36, 22.2%; T Forester, 10 from 50, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: A Tory, 4 winners from 8 rides, 50.0%; J Osborne, 4 from 19, 21.1%; D J Burchell, 5 from 25, 20.0%; J Shorti, 5 from 26, 19.2%; M Pitman, 8 from 32, 18.8%; J Railton, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

2.15 J H ROWE CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,363: 3m 21) (9) 1 0-31 MR GOSSIP 13 (G,5) N Henderson 8-11-11 1 0-31 BH GUSSIP 13 (BLS) N HENDEYON 8-11-11 2 50-P TEAM CHALLENGE 8 (B.CD.F.G.S) Mrs J Priman 3 5130 CORN MERCHANT 6 (F) R Frost 9-11-11 MP Priman 3 5130 CORN MERCHANT 6 (F) R Frost 9-11-11 J Frost 46P WHARRY BURN 331 (G.S) T Forston 7-10-13 C Llowellyn 5 2-45 DOUBLE TRICKS 27 (G) C Popham 7-10-8 S Donohoe (7) 3-1 Mr Gossip, 4-1 Cons Glen, 5-1 Double Tricks, 6-1 Com Merchant, Team Chaffenge, 7-1 Abercy, 10-1 others. 2.45 VIVIAN STREET HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,896; 2m) (3)

3.15 ALICE IN WONDERLAND NOVICES HANDI-

CAP CHASE (£3,350: 2m 6f) (13) AP CHASE (\$23,300; 201 on) (10)

1 F-RF BITO THE RED 17 (\$) J White 6-11-10 ______ R Goest
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5-2 Winabuck, 4-1 Kameo Style, 5-1 Into The Red, 6-1 Gri-gerland, 7-1 Tight Turn, 8-1 What A To Do, 10-1 others.

3.45 DICK WHITTINGTON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,437: 2m 6f) (17)

11-4 Buddington, 4-1 The Shy Consroller, 6-1 Lad Lene, 7-Terrywarner Sports, 8-1 Peak Roysle, 10-1 others.

The former National Hunt jockey John Williams landed a 29-1 treble on Lingfield's all-weather Flat course yesterday. The 42-year-old rider made it 62 winners for the year with victories on Wicked Things, Vanroy and Statajack.

Kempton results Galage good (good to soft in places)
12.45 (2m. 4f. hole) 1, KALEIDOS (G. McCourt, 7-1); 2, Hailiteam (L. Hervey, 11-4 fav); 3, Weedelde Heath (A. Charison, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 3 Mas Adventure (pul, 9-2 Gris Et Violet (pul, 6 Rhodes (f), 10 Chwyd Lodge (4th), 16 Harisquin Led (8th), 20 Come Home Kingsley, Miss Korry (ur), 33 The Produgal (pul, Hostess Guiddy (5th), 12 ran, 30, 61, 20, 61, 50, N Traider et Malton, Totet: 27,80; 22,50, 22,00, £1,30, DP: £11,60, CSP: £28,15,

DF: £11.60. CSF: £28.15.

1.15 (2m ch) 1, UNICLE ERNEE (M Dwyer, 4-6 fav); 2, Dulue de Vendeme (S Smith Eccles, 3-1); 3, General James (R Rowe, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 10 Popsswood (5th), 25 African Safari (f), 66 Gabian (4th), 6 ran, NR: Xhei, 8, 15/1, dist, 25/1, Jimmy Pizzperald at Mallon, Tota: £1.50, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.34. | Riowe, 7-1), ALSO PAN: 10 Propessors (5th), 25 African Satiar (1), 56 Gabian (4th), 5 ran, NR: Xtsal, 81, 151, class, 251, 3rmmy Pazzeraid at Maliton, Total: 2150; 21.10, 21.80, DP: 22.40, CSF: 23.04.

1.45 (2m 4t; ch) 1, GOLD OPTIONS (M Dwyer, 9-2; 2, Katabania (G McCourt, 5-2 tay); 3, Caddy Dale (D Murphy, 3-1), ALSO RANE 4 Ther-An-Sharr (4th), 11-2 Beau, Ranger (5th), 25 Hypnosis (pu), 6 ran, NR: Hogmanay, 41, 201, 10, 21, Jimmy Fitzgeraid at Maliton, Total: 21.80, 21.70, 21.90, DF: 25.50, CSF: 214.89.

2.30 (2m hdie) 1, FIDWAY (5 Smith Ecclas, 100-30; 2, Sybillin (M Dwyer, 11-1); 3, Deap Seanastion (R Rowe, 11-4 tay), ALSO RANE 11-2 Mole Board, Mutare (5th), 1 Alborator, Jones at Upper Lambourn, Total: 23.80; 21.50, 22.80, 21.60, DF: 21.50, CSF: 21.50, CSF:

\$1.50. DF: 221.50. CSF: £33.45.
2.59 (3m or) 1, FARMLEA BOY (R. Guest, 5-1); 2, One Brore Knight (A. Webb. 3-1 fav); 3, Fit For Firing (P. Holley, 7-2).
ALSO RAN: 5 Fingest (pu), 7 Fu's Ledy (4th), 12 Foyle Fisherman (5th). The Registern (9th), 14 Air Broter, 63 The Belcowed Boy, 9 ran. Nit: Assaglawi. 274, 3%1, 81, 101, 3%, G Belcing at Weyhill. Total: £5.70; £1.80, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £11.60.
CSF: £19.35. Tricast: £53.53. CSP: 219.35. Intenst: 253.55.
3.26 (2m 4f train) 1. CATCH THE CROSS (M Foster, 6-5 fav); 2, Oublier L Emzel (R Green, 14-1); 3, Stratford Ponde (M Richards, 2-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Moza Tiby (4th), 20 Windbourd Lass (p.). 5 ran. 1, 4, 251. M Pipe at Wellington, Tota: 22.10; 21.20, 22.60. DF: 212.50. CSF: 213.55.

Jackpot £1,204.00. Placepot £14.30. Wetherby

Going: soft

1.0 (2m India) 1, Reve De Valse (G Moore, 11-10 tav); 2, Marlingtord (2-1); 3, Robins Son (8-1); 18 ren. NR: Self Crown.

12, rix, Dernys Smith. Tota: 2, 200; 21.50, 21.50, 21.50, 21.50, DF: 22.20, CSF: \$4.17.
Robins Son finished second but after a stewards' enquiry wite placed third.

1.30 (3m India) 1, Yarkshire Hoby (R Hodge, 5-1); 2, King's Curate (Evens tav); 3, Broctune Grey (11-2), 11 ran. ¼1, 15). Mrs G Reveley, Tota: 25.00; 21.40, 21.40, DF: 25.90, CSF: 210.71, Tricast: 220.13.

2.0 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Young Benz (L E28.13.
2.0 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Young Benz (L. Wyer, 1-4 hav); 2, Up-A-Point (9-1); 3, Lingham Mapic (6-1), 5 ran, NR: Last O' The Bunch, 12, 15l, M H Essterby, Tota: C1.30; £1.10, £1.90, DP: £2.90, CSF: £2.00.

2.35 (2m 4f hole) 1, Gentenery Star (Mr M Buckley, 9-1); 2, Break The Chain (13-

GSF: £39.12. (meast: £210.73. 3.5 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Winterloo Boy (R Duriwoody, 6-4); 2. Young Snugfit (Evens fav); 3, Aminous (20-1). 5 ran. 15, 8l. D Nicholson, Totes £2.40; £1.40, £1.40. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.13. 21.70. CSP: 23.13.

3.35 (2m 41 hdis) 1, Amagnet (D Byrns, 7-4 tay): 2, Carbisdie (5-1): 3, Timminion (9-1), 7 ran. NR: Without A Doubt, Spark Of Pasce, 21, 10t. 8 Wildinson. Tots: £2.80; £1.50, £2.70. DF: £5.20, CSF: £10.56. Tricast: £55.37.

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Wolverhampton

22.40, DF: 2132.80, CSF: 2809.38.
3.0 (2m holb) 1, Capability Brown (N Williamson, 11-2); 2, Andreiol (4-1 jr-fav); 8, Captain Chrome (20-1), Viking Flagship 4-1 jr-fav, 16 ran, NR: Trestram Beau. 3, NI, J Bradley. Tote: 25.80; 52.10, £1.90, £3.70, DF: 210.80; £2.570, £1.90, £3.70, DF: 210.80; £2.570, £1.90, £3.70, CSF: £25.75.
3.30 (2m 6f 110yd hole) 1, Jimbelou (R Beggan, 14-1); 2, Bolshoi Boy (100-30 fav); 3, Squadron (4-1), 9 ran, 5, 100, R Brazington, Tote: £17.90; 55.20, £1.70, £1.10, DF: £48.70, CSF: £52.98, Tricest: £182.28.

Taunton Going: good to soft

pot: 2315.90.

12.45 (2m 110)d ch) 1, Zummernet (S Earle, 100-30): 2, Season Girl (10-1): 3, Shanhagary (100-30), Famous Lad 5-2 faw, 6 ran. NR: Skytark Wonder, Deep Ridge, 4t, 5t. A Barrow, Tota: 22.60, 22.00, 23.70, OF: £10.10. CSF: £27.78. Tricast: £92.33.

2; 3, This Arthul Rascal (100-30). Far Senior 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Light Dencer, Hidden Carber. 61, 41, Mrs 9 Reveloy. Tota: 29.40; £2.50, £1. CSF: 253.94. Incest: £1318.80.
3.15(2m 110yd nde) 1, Dumcan Idaho (M A FitzGerald, 20-1); 2, Glabelands Giri (11-1); 3, Longgiurst (7-1). Mrs Peopleater 11-4 fev. 11 ran. 12, 10f. R. Callow, Tots; £26.10; £3.90, £2.10, £2.90. DF: £131.00. CSF: £196.34. Tricast: £1,522.82. Placebot: £1,445,50.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard 12.25 (1m) 1, Wicked Things (J Wil-lams, 11-4); 2, Lady Philippa (Evens fav); 3, Jolizal (6-1), 8 ran. 11, 124. D Elsworth. Tote: £3.30; £1.30, £1.30. DF: £3.00. CSF: £5.41. 23.00, CSF: 25.41.

12.55 (8) 1, Anneti Rose (C Rutter, 9-2);
2, Enk Odin (11-1); 3, Courn Me Out (10-1).

Murmaring 36-40 fav. 11 ran. 11, ½l. P
Cole. Tote: 24.40, 21.40, 24.30, 22.40. DF:
232.30, CSF: 247.39. 232.30, CSF; 247.39.
1.25 (2m) 1. Bossisward Gkf (G Hind, 6-1); 2, Link Market (7-1); 3, Go South (4-1). Jamaica George 11-4 fav. 6 ran. 2, St. C Booth. Tota: 58.80; 21.80, E 200, E 1.60.
DF; 214.30, CSF; 240.64. Tricast: £158.99.
1.65 (1m 27) 1. Repporteer (W Nownes, 13-2); 2. Dr Maccarer (9-2) 1-lav; 3, Breezed Well (6-1), Shring-Jewel, Fact Or Fiction 9-2 (N-law; 12 ran. 2-1, 11, C C Elsey, Tota: £8.40; £2.40, £3.30, £5.00.
DF; £32.80, CSF; £35.93, Tricast; £22.10.
2.25 (7f) 1. Verstoy (J Willerns, 3-1) DF: £32.80. CSF: £35.93. Tricast: £222.10.
225 (7f) 1, Verrory (J Williams. 3-1 (fray); 2. Crosby (3-1 jr-fay); 3. Hurricane Power (10-1). Sergeant Meryl 3-1 jr-fay 8 ran. 281, ½1. Junifels. Tote: £3.10; £1.10.
£1.30. £4.10. OF: £4.50. CSF: £11.69. Tricast: £69.34.
2.55 (1m) 1, Statejack (J Williams, Evens fay); 2, Twrilgni Flame (33-1); 3, Reinbow Chaster (6-21, 7 ran. NR: Aspirant. 8t, ah hd. D Elsworth, Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £7.60. DF: £52.90. CSF: £23.11.2); 2. Castearsaway (14-1); 3, Homile (4-1), 13 ran. NR: Oak Park. 3%; 11, J Gosden. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £52.0, £4.00. DF: £33.40. CSF: £31.39. Tricast: £101.39. Placepet £54.88.



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More to 1990 than a few tears in Turin

SIMON BARNES

am a lucky man: I can look back over a year of sport without once thinking of Gazza's tears. I missed 'em all. I was in Turin watching the footy at the time: there seem to have been radical differences between the match played in the stadium and the one on television.

Both were good games, but those in the stadium missed those heartstring-wrenching close-ups. Gazza is not on my list of sporting heroes of the year.

Ask me for the face of the World Cup, and I will instantly recall Toto Schillaci, the blazing-eyed Sicilian who scored six goals for Italy. For me, covering the tournament on a roaming brief, the best part of the World Cup was being in Rome, and watching Italy play at the Stadio Olimpico.

It would be true enough to say that my World Cup hero was Italy itself. Of all the countries in Europe, it is the one I love most to visit, and all the nation's joys and fears were summed up in Schillaci. Has any footballer ever possessed a more expressive face? He would make a mad, kamikaze plunge, head-first through a forest of boots, head fractionally wide, and turn to the camera with a shoulder-shrugging gesture of disbelief: Porca madonna! Non e vero!

He seem to possess the triple qualities for which Italy itself is renowned: stylishness, ruthlessness and fallibility. His splendid goals made him the tournament's top scorer, but once he and his side left the glories of Rome for sordid old Naples, they were unmanned. As La Stampa said: "Basta. Stop. Chiuso. Finito. Amen. Requiem." I felt the Italian disappointment almost as keenly as Gazza did his

The English sportsman of the year was Graham Gooch. No, not for his charm and his expressive face. I have never got on with him, and have criticised him often for his South African connections. But he has done something worth saluting these past 12 months.

Considering this was his annus mirabilis, it really was a bloody awful year. He has broken a hand twice, but before and after has achieved greater things than any England cricketer this decade. Yes, even including that fellow.

As batsman, Gooch's achievements in the English summer aimost defy belief. His 456 runs in two innings in a single Lord's Test match would have been remark-

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Igls 7 80 good powder good fine

Good skiing but limited due to wind

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Excellent skiing conditions with fresh powder snow.

Obergurg) 55 140 good varied good snow

Light snow fall yesterday improved lower slopes but new

snow has blown off the upper slopes. Still no queues

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Heavy snow fall today. Upper runs closed due to wind

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New snow has improved lower slopes. Upper and middle

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Good skiing on upper and middle sigpes, New snow

Wengen 35 70 good crust good cloud
Poor visibility, but excellent skiing, No queues

Cervinia 80 230 good crust good tair -2 27/12 Excellent skiing on all pistes.

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New snow has proviced excellent sking on and off piste
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Perfect snow conditions on most runs although some worn

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Sintain, Lirefers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

able for a man in the prime of youth: Gooch is 37. His achieve-

ever been judged. "It was OK," Gooch said. But his leadership has been still more remarkable. I know it sounds a bit silly to write this now. with England in dire straits yet again, but he really did create an England team bristling with skill and the confidence to use it. Coming off the run of misery in the Eighties, this achievement speaks of leadership well out of the

ments are a vivid testament to his

concentration, technique, fitness

and desire. It was superb by any

standards by which the game has

common run. Wouldn't it be lovely if he could do it again? Another unforgettable face of the year was Chris Sabo. Sabo, as I am sure you know, plays third base for Cincinnati Reds. Cincinnati won the baseball World Series this year with the help of a wild, extravagant, game of a

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What a lunatic. Hedgetrimmer haircut, plays in prescription swimming goggles. One of those insanely competitive undersized men. Like Napoloeon. He had a great series, but game three was its summit. He hit two home runs in consecutive at-bats, which would be enough to satisfy most players.

But his fielding — his dee-fence, in the vernacular — was a thing of demented splendour. Diving everywhere with the verve of Maradona, he made one impossible catch, one impossible stop after the next. He was a man overdosing on adrenalin: it was as fine an evening of sport as I saw all year. Sabo's postgame comment: "Our work's not done." He should meet Goochie: it would be like Max and Oscar at the Cafe Royal.

A sportswriter sees an awful lot of sport. One's palate can get a little jaded; one can find that one

events. The World Series was a special treat. It was not only magnificent sport, it also had the tang of exoticism. Pardoxically, that brings one closer to the essence of sport which is confrontation, competition, a striving for the mastery. It was grand sport, and for a sportswriter,

a uniquely refreshing occasion. The boy Sabo done great. My female athlete of the year is unquestionably Salsabil. She won the fillies classics, the 1,000 Guineas and the Oaks, and then took on the colts and beat them in the Irish Derby. She picked up two other group one races in the year. This would be a fine perfor-

mance in any circumstance, but I had a special reason for cheering. The horse was trained by John Dunlop. In 1987, I spent a year working with the Dunlop stable researching a book. It was for Dunlop personally and for Castle Stables generally, a year of great troubles and great sadness. In that

year, I acquired the most enormous respect and liking for

I longed for the luck to turn. Dunlop has known lean years, as every trainer must in this, the most volatile of all games. This year it all went right, and at the centre of this was Salsabil. Dunlop took it all in stride. Surely, he was the man Kipling was thinking about then he wrote about the two impostors. The girl Salsabil done

Further salutes to females go to Nicola McIrvine and Jo Durie. McIrvine won Badminton this year on a horse called Middle Road. It was her year. Everything fell right for her, including Mark Todd, the greatest rider of them all, who made an unscheduled dismount into the water on the cross country. McIrvine went on to get married to a middle-of-theroad Tory politician. The boy Seb

done remarkable. I met Durie in Sydney, at the

RUGBY LEAGUE

affects

Trophy

By KETTH MACKLIN

IRONICALLY, the factors

which have made rughy league

financially healthy are also caus-ing a seemingly perpetual

Officials do not need remind-

arrangement likely to produce big attendances and total

figures.
Nevertheless, the Regal Tro-

phy is one of the biggest money-carners for the sport. It is a pres-

tigious prize, and is by far the

rugby league, celebrating its

Most significantly, the Imperial Tobacco sponsorship pro-vides vast funds for the game, much of which reaches clubs in

need through the ground dev-

elopment scheme. As David Howes, the league's public af-

fairs executive, says. The televising of the Trophy gen-

erates a tremendous interest and

years, and brings in nearly £1.5 million from TV rights,"

Howes gave conclusive rea-sons why it is necessary to stage

The Australian referce, Greg

McCallum, will officiate in the

Great Britain v France inter-

nationals at Perpignan, on January 27, and Headingley, on February 16.

Wigan are struggling to get the forwards. Philip Clarke and lan

Lucas, fit for the Stones Bitter

championship match against Warrington on New Year's Day.

Clarke took a knock on the head

and Lucas damaged his shoulder

ens, but Wigan are hopeful they

will have recovered for the Bank

holiday game. Wigan are al-ready without three other inter-

nationals; Joe Lydon and Andy

Gregory are recovering from injuries and Andy Goodway has

December.

-running sponsorship in

Australian Open. Yes, shockhorror, she had just lost a tennis match. Her sheer courage wins you over. She has never lost her desire to appear in public and put herself on the line again and again, to expose her spun-glass temperament to the ruthless examination of professional sport. I think Durie is a very splendid lady.

owever, as I toss these names and faces around in my mind, I have no hesitation at all as to where my own personal Sportsview Personality of the Year award is to go. Back to Italy, and a man more memorable than either Toto or Gazza: stand up Roger Milla of Cameroon.

Cameroon were the team of the tournament, and Milla was its heart, soul, mascot and cutting edge. He was allegedly 38, had retired at least once, was playing amateur football on the island of Reunion, and played in the World Cup only as a sub. He scored four

goals, and celebrated each with an all-African version of the lckey Shuffle. His goals took Cameroon to the

quarter-finals, when they were beaten by England. I had no mixed feelings about this; I felt simple. straightforward, disappointment. I have rather a thing about Africa, vou see. The 1990 World Cup will be remembered for very hule save

the crushing tedium of too many of the matches - a result of the thrice-accursed penalty shoot-out. The one thing that emerged from the World Cup was African football. Africa will now have an extra representative at subsequent World Cup finals.

The future of football is in the Third World. The future of many things lies there. Cameroon and Milla provided the world with all the things we look for in sport: excitement, joy, fallibility and, above all, hope.

The boy Milla done miraculous.

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Marathon places available for runners with a cause

The Times is offering places in the London marathon for readers who have worthwhile causes to support. If you are still looking for a way to get in, following the rejection this month of some 40,000 applicants, we could be your ticket to the start-line on April 21. FRANCÉ
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For the 1991 London mara-thon, as for the 1990 one, we are teaming up with Unisys Computers to help raise money or The Times/Unisys London Marathon appeal. A record £108.000 was raised in our last

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because, for the first time, the International Amateur Athletic Federation World Cup will be staged in conjunction. ADT is the sponsor for the third year and Unisys provides the complete computing facilities for the uild-up, running and results of

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Parrack follows trusted path

your name is James Parrack and ou immerse yourself in Britain's most successful swimming club for men, with the national coach your mentor and a world record holder your pacemaker. The latter, Adrian Moorhouse, plays landlord to Parrack, helping to create an extraordinary sporting solidar-ity in which two of the fastest ity in which two of the fastest 100 metres breaststroke swim-mers in history balance friendship and rivalry. They also share

football players. Conforming to what might be expected of a champion. Parrack, aged 23 and an accountancy and finance graduate, bas shown a capacity over the last and emerge wiser and stronger.

AND excellence begat ex-cellence. Or so it would seem if so dangerous to Moorhouse, so dangerous to Moorhouse, who will seek to capture the one important title that has eluded

equalled. Bridging the gap looks far easier on paper than it is in the water, but the test for Parrack will be whether he can lift his performance on a world stage. He has not done so before.

Parrack: Aiming high

Commonwealth Games in Auckland, beating Nick Gilling-ham into third. He clocked Imin 02.09sec six months later. On both occasions, his sights were set squarely on being the

the trophy over the truncated period of time during December, with the final held back Parrack admits that he lacks until next month. With touring international experience, but says he has changed much in a year. The silver medal at sides visiting Great Britain three seasons out of four, there is no Auckland was great and I guess I opportunity to spread the tourgot carried away," he said. December and January, except People had a few quiet words in the quicter fourth year. The with me after I used words like Regal Trophy is too important. 'orgasmic' on national TV.
"But what I regret most is and too productive, to be ignored or abandoned, and only way it can be fitted into the metres. I said some pretty nasty things in the heat of the moleague's schedule is through the painful necessity of a crowded

ment. I've since apologised to him and we're on bener terms In Perth, there should be no rivalry between the two, with Parrack gunning for the 100 metres and Gillingham concentrating on the 200. Parrack's aim is to follow his training target into the final. Once on the blocks next to

Moorhouse "anything goes". "Any success I have, and that means first a best time, then a medai." Parrack said, "is a reflection of Adman. To talk of winning would be naive; of the eight finalists, six will be contenders for gold. It's that

He adds that he is ready to set his signts beyond domestic glories; a tall order when the best man is British.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Congestion Kettering increase Fry's frustration

Barnet manager, takes the line camp. that their championship hopes are "in our own hands", the Boxing Day results in the GM strengthen the Vauxhall Conference followed a of the season." pattern that has become frustratingly familiar to the peren-

ing that the heavy fixture sched-ule this month is hardly an nial bridesmaids in the race for Football League status. Fry saw his side draw 0-0 at big attendances and total concentration from clubs. The attendance at Headingley for the Bradford Northern v Rochdale Hornets Regal Trophy semifinal was under 4,000 on December 22, and the crowd for Colchester United in the moraing, and later watched Kettering Town, the leaders, draw I-1 with an hour - results that ensured Kettering kept their 12-point tomorrow's game between War-rington and Widnes at Wigan may struggle to reach five lead over Barnet. "We've got three games in hand. We've got to win them and beat Kettering when we play them," Fry said. "It's a tall order, but miracles do

> Fry listed a string of chances missed by his forwards, Wilhs, Clarke and Bull, in the first hour of the match at Layer Road, and headers from corners by Nugent and Bodicy, that "should have put us 3-0 up at half-time".
>
> He conceded, though, that Colchester had the better of the final 20 minutes, Walsh himing the bar with a header and directing another good chance straight at Phillips, the Barnet

goalkeeper.
Tomorrow, Barnet go to
Welling United, where they lost
1-0 in the Bob Lord Trophy last week. "We should have scored four or live there," Fry said. "We've now failed to score in two games for the first time this two games for the first time this the Colchester player-manager, season. It shouldn't affect conhad his full-time squad swiftly fidence because we're sull creat-

gives rise to huge earnings from TV and sponsorship. The present sponsorship is worth more than £825,000 over three

ALTHOUGH Barry Fry, the and there's a bit of flu in the "I'm not going to rule out getting in one or two players to strengthen the squad for the rest

> Pick of the Fry class so far are Nugent, the central defender, who has played consistently after having two discs removed from his back last year, and the forwards, Bull - who has scored 17 goals in 20 games — and Willis, who he signed from Grimsby. "He's a very exciting player." Fry said. "He's been unlucky in front of goal, but some of his skills are a treat to

> Barnet's flair has brought them 54 goals from 20 Conference matches, with just two defeats - 3-2 at Runcorn and, crucially. 1-0 at home by Kettering — and an eight-match FA Cup run from the first qualify-ing round to the all-ticket thirdround match against Portsmouth at Underhill on January 5

Fry's respect for Kettering, however, increased on Boxing Day. He said: "Kettering could have been dead and buried at half-time, but they came back to draw with Slack's goal. The best of luck to them."

Kettering travel to lowly Fisher Athletic tomorrow, while Colchester, 13 points behind Kettering with two matches in fidence because we're still creating chances, but one or two players have gone off the boil mas Day.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Barclays League

Southend v Bradford (7.30). OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Norwith v Swifton (7.30). LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier divis Shebburne v Bonemians (7.45),

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RUGBY LEAGUE

OTHER SPORT ICE HOCKEY: Great Britain v Lada Togliaru, Soviot Umon (Notringham). BARTS: British open championship (Horti-cultural Halls, London).

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EUROSPORT NEWS: Eurosport 18:3019:00 and 23:00-23:30.
FOOTBALL: Screensport 16:00-17:00:
Argentine league.
GCLF: Screensport 09:00-11:30: US
PGA. C4 11:30-12:30: Pro-celebrity event. PGA, CA 11.30-12.30: Pro-celebrity event. ICE HOCKEY: Screensport (7:00-09.07), 1a 00-16.00 and 22.30-00.30: United States v Soviet Union and National Hockey League, ICE Statistics: Eurosport (9:30-11.09: NHK Trophy, Screensport 18:00-19:30: US open figure skiping championships itom Florida.

JET SKIRNG: Eurosport 09.00-09.30 World tour. \$60TO CROSS: Eurosport 19.00-20.00: Interrational meeting from Paris. MOTOR SPORT: BSB 16,00-17,00: Review of the Paris to Dakar rally.

RACING: 858 13.30-14.00 and 23.30-mongra Racing news. SPORTSDESK: 858 13.25, 18.00, 19.30, 22.03 and migright. TENNES: Eurosport 15.00-18.00 and 20.00-23.00, Hopman Cup from Perh, TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 19:30-20 15 From Finland. TRAMPOLINING: Eurosport 12:30-13:00: World champonships, YACHTING: C4 13:02-14:00: Whitbread Round the World Reon.

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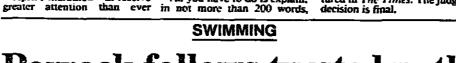
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training programmes and stand oft I iam, although the Olympic

champion is almost a stone heavier. however. Parrack's route to covering the 100 metres in 1 min 02.09sec, the third fastest time in the world this year, was not premeditated. The journey was slow - Parrack was 17 years old before he achieved significant success as a junior and left Gloucester for Leeds for academic reasons - and not without controversy. This was mainly brought on by inexperience, a madean competitive spurit and a loose tongue of the kind that wins headlines for

him when racing starts on January 7 at the sixth world championships in Perth. Just 0.6sec separates the two City of Leeds men, with Moorhouse supreme at 1min 01.49sec, the world record he set in August last year and has twice

Parrack started 1990 with a silver medal in the 100 metres behind Moorhouse at the

Ambitious vision which may manage to succeed

raham Taylor, with the assistance of Lawrie Mc-Menerny, is planning to turn England into "the biggest and best club in the world". The pair are establishing a national network of communication which promises to bring together various factions which for so

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long have been driven apart.

The project is ambitious, but as soon as Taylor succeeded Bobby Robson, his employers were so convinced by his extensive vision of the future that they agreed to an unprecedented demand. Never before has the Football Association felt it necessary for the national manager to be accompanied officially by a right-hand man.

A similar request by Robson was rejected. It is a heavy burden for one man, both mentally and physically," he recalls.
"I asked for Don Howe to be appointed full time but the FA decided they couldn't afford a second big wage and employed him on a match-to-match basis for what amounted to pin

money."
Whereas Robson made his plea halfway through his reign, Taylor astutely told the FA immediately that he "couldn't see how the job could be done by one man. It would be so easy to lose contact. We have to have a strong, continuous line of communication to keep the cogs

He and McMenemy, with more than 40 years' experience covering all four divisions between them, believe they can act as consultants for club managers. In return for increasing the collective influence and the stature of their former colleagues, it can be assumed that the level of mutual co-operation will be

Consultation, communication and co-operation are the vital elements in the management of the England

team and the reason why Graham Taylor has

insisted on a full time assistant in Lawrie

McMenemy. Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, discovers how the national network works

"Managers have no voice, no funds and no one to turn to," McMenemy says. He illustrates the insignificance of their profile by pointing out that, of all the areas to be examined by Lord Justice Taylor, they alone were felt to be not worthy of inclusion

"We feel that managers should get together, not for coaching courses but to discuss the vari-ous problems that can come up."

of John Beck, who was concerned that no provision had been made for rewarding his Cambridge United players who were progressing unexpectedly in the FA Cup. "I told him to offer them a

bonus of an elephant each if they won the Cup. There was never any chance that they would. But I advised him to put a clause in their contract before the start of the next season which would cover him if they did well again." He and Taylor are concerned

that there are no guidelines, no reference points for inexperienced men in charge. Novices in even the first division, such as Terry Butcher and Peter Reid, who are combining the job with playing for Coventry City and Manchester City respectively, must find their own way in the

Although light was shed on Taylor's path by some of his predecessors, he is going through the same process, albeit on a grander scale. Isolated in the middle of a four-month gap in England's schedule, he misses the daily duties and particularly the need to make regular decisions.

'Management means accepting responsibility and putting your name on decisions. Those who don't, don't last long in the game. Management does not mean strutting around frighten-ing people. Ron Greenwood gave me some excellent advice. Just do what you think is right. he said, and be your own man." Taylor is incensed by accusations that he dropped Paul

Dublin in November merely to prove a point. "It was an insult to say that I did that just to show who is boss. I didn't think it was the right game for him and I would do the same orange." would do the same again." McMenemy, who chose four days later to overlook Gascoigne as the man of the match when commentating on Tottenham Hotspur's televised League fixture at Everton, is equally an-

Gascoigne from the European championship qualifying tie in

In the wake of the inflated publicity which has surrounded Gascoigne since he shed tears in

gered by those who interpreted

the decision as a deliberate

public display of support for

Taylor. "That was an insult,



Pointing the way forward: Taylor (right) and McMenemy aim to improve the lot of football managers

the World Cup semi-final, his omission, though justified, was bound to be controversial and, in some quarters, unpopular, Yet Taylor and McMenemy have learned the price of sentiment. It cost them both a place in the FA Cup final.

To leave out Gascoigne, who will be "an integral part of the England team", was not Taylor's hardest decision. In 1987 he had lost his first-choice goalkeeper at Watford, Coton, with a broken finger and the deputy, Sherwood, had dislocated a finger.

"I gave him a fitness test on the morning of the semi-final,"
Taylor recalls. "I didn't risk him
because I was thinking about

how he would feel if he failed. It was one of the rare times when I was soft. I played young Piumley instead and we lost 41 to Spurs.'

McMenemy remembers taking the opposite view at Southampton in 1984 against Everton. Williams was suffering from "a dodgy knee. I'd had him at the club since he was a kid and I wanted him to play in the semifinal even though I knew he wasn't right. We lost, and his injury turned out to be a torn carulage".

Though hardened, the pair have injected a welcome sense of fun into the England squad. The

most notable benefit has been the improvement in the relationship with the media. The same surly group who cowered in silence in Italy have since been persuaded to act in a more co-

operative, happy manner. Taylor appreciates that he has inherited a squad already in-stilled with belief, adaptability and "players who can compare with the best in the world. The quality in our domestic game is higher than we think. The trou-ble is that spectators had time to appreciate skills before. Now, if you blink, you miss it.

"Other sportsmen are going higher, faster and longer in their fields, so why should footballers

necessarily be a better spectacle, but you tell me how to stop the game speeding up. We've still got marvellous individuals like Barnes, Gascoigne and Platt."

e has yet to introduce any newcomers to the team, but Tony Daley, Nigel Martyn and Ian Wright have been brought into contention. As he said before his own national managerial debut, England needed to undergo an evolution, not a revolution. Other aspects of his job, though, required rapid

The staff with whom he was expected to work formed the bare bones of a skeleton. (McMenemy, appropriately enough, is housed in a room little more spacious than a broom cupboard at Lancaster Gate). Taylor was astonished to find, for instance, that he does not even have his own secretary.

The proposed expansions in-clude a professional scouting system. By the end of the season, information on every talented English youngster will be on file, whether they have been recom-mended by their clubs (80 have responded by putting forward 100 names), or seen by one of the

eight observers. Contact is maintained every week with the scouts. Every player, even if he is in the GM Vauxball Coneference, will know that he might be watched." McMenemy says. That should make him play better for his club. It completes the circle."

The prospect is equally neat. In effect, the couple who are aware that they are enjoying a honeymoon period, promise to do more than anyone else to promote the unlikely marriage between the FA and the League.

Australia

prove a

class act By GERALD DAVIES

AFTER scoring 32 points each against West and East Wales,

the Australian schoolboys saved

their best for the international

and went entertainingly and

efficiently on the rampage at Cardiff Arms Park yesterday when they beat their Welsh counterparts by four goals and

five tries without reply.

Even as they stood before the game began, the physical differences were evident. Wales Schools had beaten New Zealand lest support and Australiand

land last summer, as did Austra-

Australia included 12. A dis-crepancy of six months existed

in qualifying ages.

No sooner had the game

begun than other differences emerged. Australia's ability with

the ball in hand was superior and, moving into space, they overwhelmed the slim red line.

from a short penalty, without a red jersey in sight in the 24th

minute of the second half, it seemed that it was their first pass to be dropped all afternoon.

As we have witnessed with

past Australian teams, the key-note comes from their midfield trio of stand-off half and two centres working closely with the full back. Burke, who has had

riigby league overtures already, and Polla-Mounter were the playmakers, from whom Gra-

ham was confident in running off. Jorgensen was the clear beneficiary with four tries.

They left little time for Wales

to settle, going into a 6-0 lead in the fourth minute with Turner's try. Wales, curiously, held the territorial advantage for a while.

but their loose play in midfield soon allowed the advantage to slip. A couple of deft fingertip passes gave Jorgensen the space to run from halfway for his first

try. Solid tackling in the centre gave the Australian wing his

second, which Burke converted.
The contest was effectively over and Wales, thereafter, were

chasing what shadows were there on the grey afternoon.

Burke then converted his own try and May closed the first half

account. Jorgensen (two), Pin-kerton and Turner scored the

When Finau dropped the ball

Wales Schools .. Australia Schools....

TENNIS

Cash takes control after Loosemore makes the running

Cash won two consecutive No. 3 seeds, delighting a 7,500. Melbourne. matches yesterday to lift Australia to a 2-1 victory over Britain and a place in the quarter-finals of the Hopman headed by the United States, Cup team championship, all received first round byes. Cash defeated Jeremy Bates, 6-1, 6-1, in the men's singles and then teamed with Liz are the No. I seeds ahead of nich earlier this month Smylie to beat Bates and the defending champions, Sarah Loosemore, 6-4, 6

the mixed doubles. beaten Smylie. 6-4, 6-3, in the the first-round match between ren suffering from cancer. opening women's singles to Germany and Czechogive Britain a 1-0 lead. Cash. the former Wimbledon champion, served superbly in both matches, taking only 67 minutes to beat Bates in the singles, in which he served

from 3-1 down in the first set and mixed doubles. of the doubles, breaking Rates's service twice in succession, then raced through the second set. Australia, the No. 5 seeds in the 12-nation event, earned a quarter-final

crowd at the Burswood Superdome.

The leading four teams, David Wheaton and Zina Garrison, of the United States, Emilio and Arantxa Sánchez amount of prize-money, has Vicario, of Spain. The Ameri-Loosemore had earlier cans will face the winners of charity event to benefit childslovakia, which is scheduled

for today, in the last eight. Also in the first round, Yugoslavia play Italy and the Netherlands, a late replacement for Austria, face France. ine aces. Each match consists of a men's singles, women's singles

The exhibition tournament continues through to January 3. It is the first of a series of warm-up events for the Australian Open, which be-

joined by eight qualifiers from Lancashire, one of whom is David Hoh, who won the English singles and pairs championships at Worthing in

The top two in each section go

PERTH, Australia (AP) - Pat meeting with Switzerland, the National Tennis Centre in

RESULTS: Australia bt Great Britain, 2-1 (L Smylis lost to-S Loosemors, 4-6, 3-6; P Cash fit J Bates, 6-1, 6-1; Cash and Smylis bt Bates and Loosemors, 6-4, 6-2). • ADELAIDE: Boris Becker, who declined to play in the Grand Slam Cup, the world's richest tournament, in Mubecause he objected to the agreed to play for nothing in a Becker will face his fellow

German, Patrick Kühnen, and the Australians, Mark Woodforde and John Fitzgerald in matches, in a compctition organised by the South Australian Tennis Association, today and tomorrow. The exhibition matches will benefit Camp Quality, which provides holidays for young cancer victims.

Becker is the No. 1 seed for the Australian hard-court championship which starts, gins on January 14 at the on Monday, in Adelaide.

VOLLEYBALL

Lakomy moves

closer to his

final selection

HENRYK Lakomy, the coach to the Great Britain's women's team for the World Student Games, takes a 13-strong squad to Belgium today as the build-up to next summer's event in Sheffield intensifies (Roddy Mackerie prijes)

Pve spent the last 12 months looking at a lot of players and

it's virtually certain that the final 12 will come from the 13 I've selected," Lakomy said.

Mackenzie writes).

Laying down the law for rugby referees has resulted in a smothering of variety



On the break: Jeremy Guscott evades the clutches of Smith on his way to completing a memorable try for Barbarians in their 26-21 victory over Leicester yesterday. Report, page 28.

The sad loss of the high tackle

than usual rugby bulk, I assessed this approach as a thoroughly expedient way of bringing an adversary to ground. It was better for, and less injurious to.

pointed me wisely in that

The high tackle smothers the opponent, stops him passing to a colleague. The movement comes to a hait. Once, photographed in a sequence of four pictures — and I did beg your — such a high tackle came in handy to stop a Frenchman, Silieres, scoring a try at the Arms Park. As far as I recollect, no one quibbled, no recollect, no one quibbled, no one raised the alarm. In which

may be thought unsound. I am not sure, being somewhat con-

straight, or stiff-arm, tackle. The perfect execution of this menacing action meant that, as in many a cartoon, the head was directed one way and the legs, horizontally, the other.

It was a favourite, I recollect. of Frenchmen, who seemed quite happy to allow it in their domestic game and were against about to be tackled has parted with the ball. The tackler is penalised for a late tackle when it has become impossible for a late tackle when it has become in

domestic game and were aghast when it was penalised in the five nations' championship. Thankfully, it has been cradicated from the game.

Tackle offences which are deal with hydismiscal are high

dealt with by dismissal are: high, late, early, forearm and elbow. I direction.

The first-time tackle needed, well, timing, Marvellous if you could find it, embarrassing if not. A wing, unlike a scrum half say, has a long time to wait to in front of the disciplinary into the high tackle, as in the late of the point, whether such as not certain that to categorise a deed might not be frowned on them in this way, as the Welsh from on high these days. Would Rugby Union has done, is ultimately of great benefit.

that he may always feel it necessary to send off the of-fender. It is, however, the extent of the danger that he needs to keep uppermost in mind, and the extent to which the tackler is purposely trying to impede the progress of the player with the ball.

tries after the interval with Burke converting one of them.



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Some big guns with an old score to settle who are using the event as part of their preparation for the Midland Bank world indoor championship in February, are

BOWLS

WYNNE Richards, the London Welshman, who, on his way to winning the Mackeson Fylde Classic last winter, beat Richard Corsie, Tony Allcock and David Bryant, will again come face to face with the three former world indoors singles champions at Newton Hall, Blackpool, this weekend (David Rhys Jones

writes).

Richards is grouped with a local player, Steve Airey, in section A. Corsie and Bryant do battle in section D, and Allcock has to deal with his England colleague, John Ottaway, in section B. Willie Wood. Scotland's most famous bowler, meets another local man, Eric Rawliffe in section C.

Paweliffe in section C.

The top two in each section go through to the quarter-finals. DRAW: Section S. DRAW: Section S. DRAW: Section S. Paweliffe in Section C.

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IN BRIEF

Gunnell at Cosford

SALLY Gunnell, the double Commonwealth Games athletics gold medal winner, heads the line-up in the Omron Games at RAF Cosford on January 11 and

CRICKET: The official sponsors of the Asia Cup, which is being staged in India, have pulled out, following Pakistan's withdrawal because of widespread Hindu-Muslim violence. SKI JUMPING: Matti Nykanen has pulled out of the Four Hills World Cup competition which starts at Oberstdorf, Ger-

many, on Sunday. FOOTBALL: The Gabonese government has dissolved the country's federation after a national junior side was hanned from the African champion-ships for fielding an over-age player.

Tve selected," Lakomy said.

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SINCE this is the time of year for nostaleja, you will pardon me if I cast my mind back to less cynical rugby times. This concerns the high tackle.

Some time ago, when horse linament, vaseline, carbolic soap and other paraphernalia were part of my Saturday equipment, in those days when high-protein intake had not, as yet, registered as essential rugby talk, I must admit that, in those unsophisticated days, I was partial, in my fashion, to the high tackle.

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To admit as much nowadays.

by Matson

MATSON, the Gloucestershire club, has banned its four teams from playing for a fortnight after baving seven players sent off

we will not accept it. Any further dismissals will mean further internal action."

Despite the self-imposed ban, the Gloucestershire disciplinary committee is likely to consider taking further action over the dismissals.

• Lancashire and North Midlands will play their postponed divisional match at Orrell on Seturday, January 5. The match was called off on December 8 Bourne, with 30 tries and not a

Ban imposed Llandovery recruitment bears fruit SCHOOLS RUGBY BY MICHAEL STEVENSON

CONSIDERING the small numbers from which they select, pride of place among the British schools which are still unbeaten having seven players sent off this season.

Club officials acted swiftly after the latest two dismissals, last week. "To have seven players sent off before Christmas is unacceptable to the club and to the county RFU," Gil Locke, the Matson secretary, said. "We have never had this many players sent off before and we will not accept it. Any further and the achievement of a centre of excellence of Llandovery's

calibre deserves praise.

Two of their closer contests were against Millfield (7-6) and Christ College, Brecon (15-12), but their most spectacular victory was against Crawshay's XV, selected from the cream of Welsh youth (22-16). Remarkably, their leading points-scorer was the excellent wing, Greg

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Scores Assertalis: Trice: Turner [2], Jorgensen (4), Burka, Pinkerton, May; Conversions: Burke.

Walles: J Strange (Pontypool): J Reynolds (Civiat College, Bracon), D Bevan (Bromyridsh), W Gariffitia (Neath; repr. J Hewitet): Liber first match (14-4) to St Paul's, were unbeaten for the rest of the term, thanks largely to their powerful pack, which has never been mastered. They beat Watford GS (38-0), King's, Camterbury (26-0), Felsted (14-6), Merchant Taylors' (52-3), UCS (50-0), Bishop's Stortford (28-16), Haberdashers' Aske's (24-0) and Mill Hill (26-6).

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Whitgift, with 12 wins and four defeats, enjoyed their best season since 1961, the high spot of which was their 16-3 win against Ampleforth, their first victory in this fixture for 16 years. They ended the term with wins against Epsom (20-7), RGS, Guildford (24-4) and Ampleforth. Their under-15 team has not lost for 31/2

seasons. The Perse managed 11 wins at representative level.

One of the strongest sides in the north, Sedbergh, finished with a similar record, though they have a rather stronger fixture list. They won eight of 11 games, drawing one and losing the other two, to Ampleforth and Loretto. Their outstanding player has been Will Greenwood, the son of the former. wood, the son of the former England captain, Richard, Prior to their final match, he had scored 114 of his side's 240 points and it will be surprising if

he does not succeed this winter

SPORT

called by Lewis

signed for his double heavyweight boxing contest with Gary Mason, the British champion, at Wembley on February 13. Mason's manager and promoter. Mickey Duff, had been convinced that Lewis, the undefeated European champion, would want no part in the bout, worth £276,000.

Frank Maloney, the manager of Lewis, arrived from Canada yesterday with the contract complete and ready to return to Duff with a double condition of compensation for a warm-up bout if the contest does not take place on the agreed date.

"Let's see if they are going ahead with it," Maloney said. "I believe the only reason Duff paid so much money for the fight was that he thought that it wouldn't happen.

"Duff said that Lewis will be making a withdrawal, but our plan is to move into the frontline. Lennox has proved that by signing the contract and now let's see what Mason's plan is. After this, Mason and his

promoters will have nowhere to go. Mason has got a lot to lose by taking this fight and it's time for the bluffing and games to stop.

"Gary has gone along fighting cruiserweights and this is the first time he will be taking on a fully-fledged heavyweight and we'll see if he can absorb 16st 6lb hitting him on the

The European champion's British career was recently thrown into doubt by the financial crash of his backers. the Levitt Group. Maloney said: "His contract is still in operation and it means we will have to work harder for things.'

Lewis, who shortly moves to a United States training camp, had a message for Mason. He said: "I am looking forward to winning the British title in February. You must be ready for a real awakening and introduction into the heavyweight division."

Lewis will be receiving television cash for a night which could elevate him into the higher reaches of the world rankings.

• George Middleton, the manager of the late Randolph Turpin, who beat the legendary American, Sugar Ray Robinson to win the world middleweight title in 1951, has died, aged 86.

Mason's England haunted by past failings

selves for exceeding 300 in a supporters in the city to first innings against Australia believe that a total of 450 for the first time in seven prospect of something similar happening here.

No matter what may ensue in this second Test, the fact is that England, winning the toss on a torpid pitch, had a plain opportunity to bat Australia out of contention. They failed by maybe 70 runs, or a session's work, and defeat remained an ominous possibilshow the signs of a man re-visiting some much-loved old This however was not the

At Headingley in 1989, Taylor began his bullying of the day's priority by negotiat-the England attack with a cen-ing the second new ball, then tury on his debut against them. England countered with a total of 430, then threw the game away on the last afternoon. The bad memories are revived by Taylor's presence outfield. Suddenly, the cen-

started cool and cloudy yet became appropriately hot and stormy, Taylor was within eight runs of making a halfcentury in each of his first continues to look an unremarkable, though formid-Taylor will never be remembered for his vivid strokeplay, but none of this generation of England players will easily forget him for his relentless technical excellence.

Played early at slower bal

†R C Russell c Healy b Hughes Leg glance off wide ball

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Extras (to 2, no 9)

Total (131.4 overs, 561min)

A J Stewart c Healy b Reid . Edged drive to wicketkeep

England won toss

IN THE middle of a match, tures which Taylor will statistics can prove everything calculatingly eschew. Overand nothing. By nightfall here night, it was Gower's un-yesterday, England could have beaten 73 which encouraged been congratulating them- the hundreds of English remained within the scope of Tests. Or they could have been their side. And so, for as long pondering what happened on as Gower dominated the the last occasion, and the real morning session, it did.

Gower had won his private battles on Wednesday, convincing himself he was fit enough to play and then convincing many others who chose to doubt him that he is still far 100 good to be pensioned off. Yesterday, the demands relaxed, he played with charm and composure for 50 minutes when what ity as Mark Taylor began to England really needed was for This, however, was not the

careless Gower who has infuriated us all. He achieved ing the second new ball, then unfurled two memorable cover drives against Alderman, struck so sweetly that they rocketed to the far-off boundary even over this adhesive tury was his, quietly acknowl-By the close of a day which edged by one with something still more substantial in mind.

It was not to be. Bruce Reid, here as in Brisbane much the most threatening Australian bowler, pushed him defeneight Tests against England, a sively onto the back foot, remarkable feat by one who deceived him with extra bounce and, as the ball looped tantalisingly back off the ably well organised, player. splice, reached down his long left arm to pluck the catch. Gower's head dropped, his

eyes closed and he prodded the pitch accusingly. But despite the feeling that he had more to offer, this was a As left-handers go, Taylor is century of character by the the antithesis of David batsman who has been the top Gower, whose game has al- scorer in England's last four ways thrived on the adven- Test match innings. If you has not reached 40 in any left-armer's stock, angled de-



Stooping to conquer: Reid clings to a return chance from Gower after the England batsman had reached his hundred in Melbourne yesterday

ended that England slipped into familiar ways. Their last six wickets were taken for 78 runs, an improvement on 60 and 46 in the Brisbane Test, enough to justify being as high but further evidence of a lower as No. 7. order functioning below acceptable levels.

bonus for so long, has tem-FULL SECOND-DAY SCOREBOARD FROM MELBOURNE

Extras (b 4. nb 9)

Total (1 wkt. 35 overs. 158min)

FALL OF WICKET: 1-63 (Taylor 19).

Umpires: A R Crafter and P J McConnell

seek a convenient scapegoat, look elsewhere.

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The scapegoat match on the tour and, yesterday, was out to a needless apologetically short. before lunch. Psychologically, it was exactly what Australia needed, and poor Russell is simply not playing well

Jack Russell's batting, a as Reid took the next three

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12 (Gooch 11), 2-30 (Larkins 6), 3-109 (Larkins 53), 4-152 (Gower 32), 5-274 (Stewart 50), 6-303 (Stewart 63), 7-307 (Stewart 63), 8-324 (Fraser 2), 9-344 (Fraser 15), 10-352 (Tufnell 0).

BOWLING: Alderman 30.4-7-88-2 (nb2) (10-2-20-1), (7-2-16-0), (5-1-14-0) (6-1-28-0) (2.4-1-8-1); Reid 39-8-97-6 (nb1) (5-0-24-1), (7-2-12-0), (8-0-24-1), (3-1-11-0) (7-1-11-1) (8-4-15-3); Hughes 29-7-83-2 (nb6) (6-2-15-0), (7-2-18-1), (3-0-10-0), (6-0-23-0) (7-3-17-1); Matthews 27-8-55-0 (4-0-24-0), (8-4-8-0) 15-4-33-0); Waugh 6-2-10-0 (8-4-8-0) 15-4-33-0); Waugh 6-2-10-0 (8-4-8-0) 15-4-33-0; Waugh 6-2-10-0 (8-4-8-0) 15-4-33-0); Waugh 6-2-10-0 (8-4-8-0) 15-4-33-0); Waugh 6-2-10-0 (8-4-8-0) 15-4-33-0; Waugh 6-2-10-0 (8-4-8-0) (8-4-8-0

AUSTRALIA: First innings

D.M. Jones, "A.R. Border, S.R. Waugh, G.R.J. Matthews, †1 A. Healy, M.G. Hughes, 1

BOWLING: Malcolm 8-2-25-0 (rb3) (3-1-7-0), (5-1-18-0); Fraser 13-1-48-0 (rb7) (7-1-24-0), (6-0-24-0); Tufnell 6-2-6-0 (2-0-3-0), (4-2-3-0); DeFreitzs 6-0-23-1 (one spell); Atherton 2-1-3-0 (one spell).

Sadly, there is no one hustling him from below, and wickets, each one the result of porarily become a liability. He a bat thrust hypnotically at the

Even Alec Stewart, Gower's

ally in the fifth-wicket stand of 122, strode away cursing himself when he compromised almost five hours of concentration with a poor shot. For the first time, however, he had begun to look an authentic Test batsman and, for his sake, one must hope that England now allow him to settle at No. 6 in the order.

Reid's six wickets, of which he took four for 26 in 16 overs esterday, were vindication of his own resolve, and his surgeon's skill, during a protracted fight against spinal damage. He looks a worldclass bowler with the priceless advantage of variety.

England's four chosen bowlers boasted only 120 Test difficult. windswept conditions they created few problems. It was a surprise when Marsh was out, pushing at a good outswinger from De-Freitas, but there was nothing further to persuade England they had not missed a good opportunity to put Australia on the defensive for the first time in two series.

Back injury puts Lewis out of tour

From Alan Lee

CHRIS Lewis must fly home from Australia tomorrow, the tour which might have established him as a genuine England all-rounder prematurely

Lewis, aged 22, born in Guyana and reckoned by Australia's coach, Bob Simpson, to be England's most exciting young cricketer, has a stress fracture of the back which he must rest for up to three months.

His condition, which had been undiagnosed for some weeks, had puzzled and frustrated the England manage-ment. It was finally explained when Lewis underwent spinal x-rays vesterday. Once the fracture was discovered, there was no option but to send him home in the hope that he can recover fitness in time for the English summer.

No decision has been anreplacement players, but with complete recovery."

DeFreitas already on site, having been summoned to cover for Small, England cannot justify any more recruiting unless they suffer still more

However, Hugh Morris, due to leave next week to begin his duties as England A team captain in Pakistan, may yet be retained here instead. On such a turbulent tour,

one more setback tends to attract only a numbed resignation, but, as the manager, Peter Lush, explained last night, there is special sympathy for Lewis, whose injury prone career is in jeopardy.

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"We have had a few knocks on this tour, but this is especially hard to take." Lush said. "It has come as a big shock to Chris and he was heartbroken when told the news. But there is no reason nounced on any further why he should not make a

oolhouse buys Sheffield United Leicester wilt as Moon

THREE years after a controlling interest in the club was officially made available for sale, the ownership of Sheffield United changed hands Reg Brealey, the United

chairman since 1980, tendered his resignation after agreeing to sell his majority shareholding to his fellow-director. Paul Woolhouse, who, for the past 12 months, has been seeking to purchase the club he has supported since

After buying Brealey's 1,675 shares for an estimated £3.2 million. Woolhouse now holds a total of 2,096 shares, or 75 per cent.

Breakey, who announced his decision to the club's annual

John Bond.

While Liverpool scored the most

goals (765), from the 1980-1 season to

1989-90. Birmingham managed 450

and Newport 443. St Andrew's, it

seems, has become a footballing

backwater, a manager's graveyard.

where he is on a business trip, has also resigned as a director, so severing completely his ties with the South Yorkshire club.

chairman of a group of locally based companies specialising in property, metals and computers, and has been a member of the board at replaces Brealey as club chair-man with immediate effect.

His seizure of power yesannounced that he had reached agreement to sell his

Woolhouse, aged 41, is the Bramall Lane since 1985. He directors. Woolhouse publicly voiced

terday was the climax of a so incensed that he acted as carefully orchestrated cam- the figurehead of a consortium paign, one which gathered of local businessmen which momentum earlier this year immediately launched a when Brealey controversially counter-bid.

shares to Sam Hashimi. Iraqi businessman, said at a culties. "Reg is having prob- week."

for an estimated £6.25 given to the club," he said. The proposal was met with

open hostility by a high percentage of the United supporters and was greeted with incredulity and suspicion by the club's board of

his concern at the implications of the proposed sale and was

Woolhouse said that Brealey had taken his decision

the issue has finally been tidied up, because Reg Brealey's shares have been up Bramail Lane. for sale for three years now. As of seven, this is the realisation of a dream for me," he said.

languishing at the bottom of with the job. the first division, after the West Ham United have put club's 101-year history, Woolhouse pledged his full support for Dave Bassett, the team manager.

"He has done a marvellous job for this club," he said. "As far as money for new players is hares to Sam Hashimi. to step down because of his concerned, we shall have to mounting business diffilook at the situation week by

press conference in early letns in India and found that March that he had agreed, in principle, to purchase the club would have liked to have over Nottingham Forest and Luton Town after failing to "I am just very pleased that win any of its first 16 League games, said that he believes his long-term future to be at

> "I would like to feel I can a fan of this club since the age stay here for a long time," he said. "I can certainly have no complaints about the way I Although United are have been allowed to get on

poorest start to a season in the back their second division match with Millwall from February 23, until the follow ing day, in an attempt to avoid a repeat of the crowd trouble which marred the teams' first meeting, last month. Scotland will play their first

international at Ibrox since 1938 when they face the Soviet Union on February 6.

rises to the challenge

Leicester..

terday, was no exception.

How wrong they were as Leicester recovered from a ten-point deficit to take the lead, only to lose it in the final The Barbarians, in the sixth match of their centenary sea-

two tries to two goals and three penalty goals, and deserved to. Their spirit was best exemplified by Moon, a replacement for Emyr as early as the ninth minute, who scored two tries on the left wing, and Pool-Jones, the Cambridge University flanker, who lost nothing by comparison with the distinguished company he was keeping.

of the visitors finally told.

But during the middle part of the game they were excluded by the tenacity of the Leicester pack, which conceded nothing in the lineous

and whose rolling mauls gave the back division a splendid platform. It soon became apparent, though, that the strength of the Barbarians midfield would let nothing through, and the hinge of the Leicester offensive became

Not for the first time this proved a rare handful, well opposite number, spent the way for White to send Poolafternoon in each other's Jones to the line, pocket, though it was sad to Tony Underwood so badly early in the game when Kardooni made the first of several telling breaks. Liley, who kicked every-

scoring with a penalty goal, but the Barbarians scored the opening try when Robinson was first to a wild Leicester tap at a lincout and the ball flickered down the line to Lafond. The Frenchman also set up the second when Liley missed touch and Guscott, from 40 metres, floated through three tacklers for a superb try.

If Leicester found it difficult getting to grips with the strength and pace of Guscott and his French colleagues. they were taken aback when Moon made a determined dash from left to right for the try that gave the Barbarians a 16-6 interval lead, having had first use of the wind. Leicester had also been deprived of a try partly by their own defects, partly by the honesty of Dusty Hare, their former full back who was running the line as a Baa-baas committee-man.

Tony Underwood, coming from deep, had split the defence, but then ran Liley into all sorts of trouble by not straightening his line. Lafond maded a high tackle for which Ian Bullerwell initially awarpointed out that any foul had been committed in touch and

match directly the second half opened. Bates did tremendously well to collect a low pass and send Rory Underwood into the corner. Younseason the agile scrum half ger brother Tony followed when the defence opened besupported by the industrious fore him, but Heslop, from an Back. He and Robinson, his unpromising start, paved the

Liley kicked a third penalty colleagues. Guscott and Robinson, was crucial to the into the corner. SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: R Under

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TOMORROW

Battle against the curse of St Andrew's By CHRIS MOORE IN THE 31 years since Dave Mackay moved south from Scotland to play a

swashbuckling role in the Tottenham Hotspur team that accomplished the League and FA Cup double, Birmingham City have employed 12

> erected around the ground; one each on the four floodlight pylons and one above the main reception desk. But all Today, despite having made their best start to a season by going through

the first 12 League games undefeated,

Birmingham find themselves

languishing in fifteenth place in the

third division, having fallen to their lowest position in the League.

City have won only two of their last 16 League matches and, not surprisingly, the natives are getting restless again, with Mackay coming under increasing pressure from frustrated supporters. After the 2-0 home defeat by Brentford on Boxing Day, there were renewed calls from the crowd for his resignation.

For the time being, he has the continued backing of Samesh Kumar, the Birmingham chairman. But the old war-horse has always insisted he will not stay and wait for the axe to

was in a pathetic state," Mackay said. "It has improved over the last 18 months, but I am disappointed with our results this season. "I want to do exceptionally well here. But I am not desperate to hang

on to the job. I have been trying to do

a job in two years and on a shoestring that others might say they need two or three million pounds and five years to Kumar admits that the statistics

directors because they are not willing to stick to their guns and I agree with him. In the time he has been here, Dave Mackay has not yet had a fair

"Sacking is the easy option. It would appease the fans and it would save me some abuse on Saturday. But to change the manager in midstream now would only put the club back three years because that's how long it

home match with Bolton Wanderers. another club trying to revive memories of a famous past but at least enjoying life near the top of the table.

the situation," he said.

Kardooni.

Barbarians ..

THE aura of this traditional holiday match never fails. In a changing world, Leicester and the Barbarians retain the capacity to thrill, and the 72nd in the series, at a cold and windy Welford Road yes-

A crowd of 17.300 revelled in the entertainment, and if their support was, at times, a trifle muted, it may be that they thought their club deprived of Richards, their immense captain, and three other first-choice players had little chance of victory.

son, won by three goals and

Emyr, the Swansea wing, limped off after a heavy tackle by Rory Underwood, and there are fears that damaged ankle ligaments may exclude him from selection for Wales against England on January National considerations. though, played little part in a marvellously competitive game in which the extra class

the score was cancelled. Leicester came back into the

see the Bath flanker obstruct goal to bring Leicester to within one point, but the understanding of two Bath final try, Lafond tearing into thing on offer, opened the the line and Moon squeezing

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> BARBARIANS: J-B Lefond (Recing Cub and France): N Hesiop (Orrest and England). J Gaseott, (Bath and England). F Measnel (Racing Cub and France). A Emyr (Swansea and Wales: rep: R Moon, Rosslyn Park); R Andrew (Wasps and England); R Hill (Bath and England); I Buckett (Swansea). D Fox (Librest). Generic (Northampton and England). R Pool-Jones (Gambridge University). C Gray (Nothingham and Scotland). P Arnold (Swansea and Wales). A Robinson (Bath and England). D White (London Scottsh and Scotland). Referee: I Bullerwell (East Midlands).

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managers. Among them have been Stan Cullis, Sir Alf Ramsey and Ron Saunders, who, like Mackay, the present incumbent at St Andrew's, all won the first division championship with previous clubs. That is a unique record. Yet none of them enjoyed any success at Birmingham. Neither did the likes of Gil Merrick, Freddie Goodwin and Of all the big city clubs in Great Britain, Birmingham remain the only one never to taste success at a high level. Even more damning is the fact In addition, a dozen crosses were that in the last decade they scored fewer goals than any other club in the Football League, with the exception of the now-defunct Newport County.

COMMENT

For the superstitious among their dwindling support, it is all down to a gypsy's curse. St Andrew's was built on what was once a Romany encampment. The day the gypsies were moved on, their leader put a curse on

Saunders was so convinced the powers of evil were conspiring against him during his abortive spell there that he had St Andrew's exorcised. And because he was persuaded to believe in the power of red - the colour of successful sides such as Liverpool, Arsenal, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest - he had the soles of the players' boots painted that colour.

"When I came here the playing side

may present a case for a change of management. But, as he says: "Brian Clough is always having a go at

would take someone else to make his And as evidence of his support, Kumar was last night supervising the £30.000 signing of Eamonn Dolan, the West Ham United forward, which they were trying to rush through in time for him to play in tomorrow's

However, like any chairman, Kumar has to cover his tracks. "Obviously, if the present situation carries on for any length of time. I would have to take a deeper look at

What has 1991 in store for Dave Mackay and Birmingham City?